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I am a lifelong Oregonian, and have spent over a decade working in the film industry in Oregon. Over the last ten plus years, I have had the opportunity to work on many productions that were directly affected by the tax incentive championed in the Oregon legislature. As a result of these productions, I have been able to join a professional trade union and enjoy the benefits of healthcare, pension, and a living wage. At the individual level, the good jobs provided by the film industry help folks buy houses, pay off debt, and save for the future. The value and security provided by a livable wage job to the individual is astounding and powerful. On a more macro scale, these productions put vital money into the local economies of the locations that are photographed, as well as the state at large. Many small businesses, hotels, restaurants, and other businesses directly benefit from dollars spent by productions. In addition to economic gain, film production helps to put our wonderful state on display to the rest of the country and world, and helps make Oregon a destination to fans and visitors alike. HB 3329 will help to keep jobs in Oregon- high pay, living wage jobs. Furthermore, the investment in this incentive will help to keep jobs in this country, as more and more productions seek to shoot outside of the USA, making content for American companies, for American audiences, and depicting American locations, but not filming in the United States. Please support HB 3329 and create good livable wage jobs for Oregon!