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To whom it may concern, I am writing this letter in support of HB5024, the bill that allocates funding to Oregon Film, the primary driver of business development and job creation in the film industry for our state. Each year Oregon Film is responsible for creating visibility around the talent within the state's film and television market and attracting producers who are responsible for spending their budgets here. Additionally, Oregon Film is responsible for the management and disbursement of funding from the highly attractive film incentive program, which is a major job creator for this economic sector.

As Executive Producer with Refuge, a visual effects company headquartered in Portland, I can definitely say that without the full support of the Oregon Film office we could not possibly have accessed the kind of competitive, high profile work such as the TV series "Shogun," for which we won an Emmy Award last year.

Thank you for continuing to fund such a critical office.

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