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Taxation Committee Members,

My name is Justin Lacroix, I'm a freelance sound guy, Registered Maine Guide and a volunteer instructor for Smooth Feather Youth's film program. I am writing in support of LD 1075 "An Act to Promote Economic Growth Through Increased Film Incentives."

I'm one of the lucky ones who works almost exclusively in Maine and have been for over a decade. Numbers are important to this committee but for me it is the opportunities. From Maine's well qualified film industry professionals to the high schoolers I teach at film camp in Kezar Falls. Opportunities for communities to come together and be part of a project that will bring pride and a sense of accomplishment.

We have the talent here. I have filmed from Fort Kent to York and in over 20 countries with crew from around the world and these local professionals are the people I want next to me most. Mainers have an unmatched work ethic and it gets noticed. There just isn't enough opportunity for everyone.

I have seen how even a smaller budget project like "The Lighthouse" brought not just money but excitement and pride to the town of Jonesport, Maine and its residents in the summer of 2017. I did a movie called "The Congressman" in 2016 and filmed a few scenes right here in the state house. All the grip and lighting gear was staged in the house chamber.

We don't lack talent, locations or any other necessities. We only lack opportunity and LD 1075 will bring more of those for the established professionals and the local youth. So please let us show you what we can do.

Respectfully,
Justin Lacroix