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I would like to voice my support of LD 1957, An Act to Promote Film Production in Maine. Maine has long been the home of artists and writers. We celebrate our heritage as a creative state. The creative economy in Maine is strong: a recent report from the Cultural Alliance of Maine found that Maine's cultural industries generate 2.5 billion or 2.7% of the state's GDP. This impact could grow even greater if we supported industries, such as film, which support creators. Compare Maine's numbers to Massachusetts, which does offer tax credits to film productions: in 2021 arts and cultural production in Massachusetts accounted for: \$27.2 billion economic impact. 135,181 jobs. 4.2% of the state's economy.

Thank you for your time and consideration.