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LD 1957

My name is Molly Conners. I am a film producer with credits on international features and television series, and I'm also a resident of Yarmouth, Maine.

I want to express my strong support for LD1957, Representative Copeland's bill to strengthen Maine's film incentive program. This bill is a clear, forward-looking effort to attract meaningful, long-term film production to our state—productions that can offer high-paying jobs, long-term infrastructure growth, and sustained economic impact.

I understand that Senator Tipping has proposed an amendment to LD1493 that removes the incentive for corporate videos and commercials rather than eliminating the entire program. I appreciate that this amendment reduces the immediate threat to film incentives in general. However, I urge the committee to recognize that Maine remains behind most other states when it comes to attracting feature films and television series—the kinds of productions that create real, scalable industry growth. That's what LD1957 is about.

As someone who actively chooses where to shoot films, I can tell you: producers are looking for places with reliable crews, compelling landscapes, and competitive, predictable incentives. Maine already has the first two. LD1957 gives us the third. Passing this bill would send a strong message: Maine is open for business—not just for one-off shoots, but for a real creative industry. That means jobs for our young people, a reason for talent to stay or return, and a pipeline of investment that can lift local economies.

So while I acknowledge the improved language in LD1493, I respectfully ask you to support LD1957, which gives Maine the tools it needs to compete.

Thank you for your time and leadership.