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LD 1957

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RE: Testimony in Support of LD 1957 – An Act to Promote Film Production in
Maine

Dear Senators, Representatives, and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing
Committee on Taxation,

I am writing in strong support of LD 1957, “An Act to Promote Film Production in
Maine.”

This bill is a forward-looking response to the findings of the independent Olsberg/SPI
report, which concluded that Maine stands to gain significantly—economically and
culturally—by offering a competitive film incentive. LD 1957 does just that. It not
only attracts new productions to Maine but ensures the benefits stay local by
prioritizing Maine workers and businesses.

As a professional actor and lifelong Mainer, this bill represents more than economic
potential—it represents opportunity. It means I, and many others like me, can pursue
careers in film and television without leaving the state we love. It means my nephew
and his talented classmates in our excellent community college system could build
creative careers right here at home. It would have true, meaningful impacts on
Mainers living and working here now and provide real economic development to
communities across Maine, rural and urban alike.

The film industry is actively expanding beyond traditional hubs like Los Angeles and
New York. With LD 1957, Maine has a real chance to become a part of that
reimagining and be serious player—creating jobs, retaining talent, and generating
economic impact across the state.

I have seen firsthand how bills like these can add tremendous value to their states and
launch an industry that benefits so many. LD 1957 is smart, strategic policy and I
humbly urge you to support it.

Sincerely,

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