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Maine State House
ATTN: Taxation Committee
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To Taxation Committee Members,

This letter is formally submitted as official testimony in relation to LD 1075 - An Act to Promote Economic Growth Through Increased Film Incentives.

As a full time Maine resident, I started making documentary films in 2012 during late career. Although Maine is filled with compelling stories, my craft is limited by the lack of support for filmmakers in Maine. It is easy to say, "This isn't Hollywood, why do we need to support people coming into our state to make films?". However, as we all know, there is no more beautiful place to live and work. Why wouldn't we want to show off our state and the many talented makers who want to live and work here.

Currently I am the Communication and Administrative Coordinator for the Maine Film Association, and I feel fortunate to make some of my income related to the film industry. I am proud to be able to support the members of the MFA to help them leverage the opportunities they have in this state. They tend to be a younger population, who are ideally suited to the future of this state.

I hope you will take into account how a clean industry such as filmmaking will bring much needed opportunities to not only keep people here, but to also attract them to Maine.

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