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Senator Grohoski, Representative Perry and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation, Thank you all for hearing us today.

- The potential benefits of competitive ^{film} tax incentives for every imaginable sector of Maine's economy, are countless.
- Having worked as an actor in film and television pretty continuously for the past four decades, living and working across the country and around the world, I can say my experience supports the recent studies coming out of Colorado and Virginia, showing that for every dollar spent by the state 7 to 13 dollars come back.
- High yield, low impact. Film comes in, spends money and leaves. They are respectful as they want to be welcomed by the state, and welcomed back.
- Maine's natural beauty, historic architecture, lack of billboards and other detritus, wealth of lakes and deep forests, rivers, mountains and sea coast make it a cinematic destination. Which, when seen on film will make Mainers proud, and make added tourist destinations of those places.
- Considering Maine's aging population - An industry to bring young people back or prevent them from leaving. I can think of no other industry that would be more attractive and hold more potential for growth and high income jobs in the future for young people, than film. And not just young people.

The Team spirit on set is infectious. Whether building sets, or art directing, set dressing, costumes, hair and makeup, camera and sound departments, all those credits that role at the end of a movie besides actors writers and directors? Jobs. Fun jobs:)

Thank you in advance for a favorable resolve when reviewing this material.

Sincerely,
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