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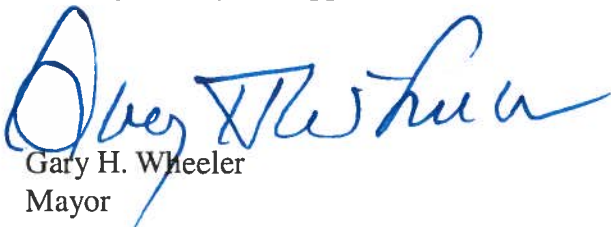
Tax Credit Committee
c/o Edward Klein, Assistant

I am writing to urge you to support the Governor's proposed enhancement of the Oregon Production Investment Fund (OPIF). Passing this bill will immediately double the jobs Oregon earns from this program, and the Oregon Legislature's committee research finds this an extremely productive measure for growing jobs in a variety of sectors throughout Oregon by recruiting investment into our state.

The City of Medford has seen an increase in the number of productions being brought to Southern Oregon and the beneficial results to our community from the increase in jobs and boost to the local economy is exactly the results we like to see in economic development activities. This industry has minimal environmental impact and often provides additional marketing for our travel and tourism industries by highlighting the beauty of our state.

The City of Medford supports the film production industry and looks forward to seeing more of this type of industry developing here in Southern Oregon and across the state.

Thank you for your support.


Gary H. Wheeler
Mayor