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My name is Rachel Lipsey. I moved to Oregon almost ten years ago and have been working full time providing Craft Services to films then also commercials and more recently episodic television shows ever since I arrived.

I started off on very low budget independent films using my brother's Subaru to shop with and transport all the snacks and drinks to set. There was enough work that first year for me to invest in a little short bus so that I could take care of larger crews on bigger budget productions and within a couple of years more I was able to afford a longer $\frac{3}{4}$ length bus so that I could actually serve the snacks inside and stay mobile. That is the "Old School Craft" bus we parked outside the capitol building on May 2nd.

When Leverage came to town a number of years ago, there was suddenly enough work for my husband (fiance at the time) to quit his part time job at a pizza restaurant and also join me providing craft service full time.

After a year we were able to save enough to invest in having an even bigger truck custom fitted to be ready to take care of the larger crew and larger demands of a show that size for the following season.

This past year we were confident enough to plan and have a baby! This season, I will be at home managing emails, phone calls and paperwork and helping Aaron with prepping the trucks while he will be the one going out to do the labor on set.

Film and theater jobs can be grueling and exhausting and also fun and very satisfying. We leave each production having shared experiences that bond and bind us as a large family. Increased incentives will ensure that we continue to grow as we are able to bring in and train new friends and build new equipment so that we will be ready for any size production and fulfill any and all needs they may surprise us with next.

My husband, Aaron and I have worked on Portlandia, second unit for Grimm and most of the local seasons of Leverage. We also work on many of the commercials that shoot in town in between episodic seasons. My brother, Ben Lipsey works full time on the Locations team for Grimm. My mother, Mikki Lipsey is an actor and has been awarded the title of "Matriarch of the most helpful family in film" by the crew of Portlandia.

These incentives ensure future employment for us all so that we can continue to invest back into Oregon's future.