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Representative Ann Lininger, Chair House Committee on Economic Development and Trade 900 Court Street, NE, Hearing Room E Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB 2244

Dear Representative Lininger and Members of the Committee:

The City of Portland supports reauthorization of the Greenlight Oregon labor rebate program. The labor rebate incentive is paid to projects or producers that incur \$1 million or more in actual expenses for film, commercial or television show production in Oregon. Combined, Greenlight Oregon and the Oregon Production Investment Fund (OPIF) have helped to dramatically increase direct production spending in the state. That investment in the film and video industry sustains more than 3,000 Oregon jobs. The City of Portland urges your support for HB 2244 to reauthorize this rebate program. Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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