



To House Revenue Committee,

March 19, 2021

I am writing you in support of HB3244. I work in the film industry, my company, Koerner Camera Systems has 13 employees. We have an office in Portland and Seattle with seven employees in our home office which is in Portland. The passage of HB3244 will ensure employment for many in our industry and grow the industry. I have seen first hand what the film incentive has done for the production community and how it has grown. My employees are able to buy houses, raise their families and be proud to be a part of the production community. The passage of the bill would quite likely require my company to have more full time employees.

Increasing OPIF will not only attract more out of town business but it will also help local rural communities with R-OPIF which attracts productions to shoot outside the Portland Metropolitan Area. This brings much need dollars into the rural areas in the form of hotel rooms, restaurants, permits etc. L-OPIF will help local filmmakers receive money for their projects. Many of these local projects are a training ground for the larger shows that come from out of town. Often times they get a few of these smaller shows under their belt and then they are able to join a union and work on the larger projects which are coming from LA or New York.

The passage of HB3244 will be a positive step in the right direction signaling to the film and gaming industry nationally that Oregon is open and we want your business. There are many other projects that end up coming to the state that receive no incentive money but come because they were here on a project and realize what a great place it is to shoot and that we have the crew, the gear, the facilities and the locations that they re looking for.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Koerner", written over a horizontal line.

Michael Koerner

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