

To Whom It May Concern,

There are two main things I have always strived for in my life: to have a career that I am in love with and to have a home. Not a house; a place to call "home". I have been able to find both of those things here in Portland. I have worked for Simon Max Hill Casting as my full-time job for three years and it has been one of the most fulfilling experiences in my life. Working in film is not just a job for me, it is a lifestyle. Films and television can be looked at as frivolous entertainment, but to many of us, maybe even you, it is so much more than that. It is a chance to escape from your everyday life. It is a place to find comfort, laughter, introspection. Film is a place of connection for many people and there is something for everyone. Imagine what going through this pandemic would have been like had we not had infinite movies and television shows to watch--yikes! I am honored to be a part of an art form that could truly change someone's life -- I know film and television did that for me. Please support this bill, as it would bring more work to Portland for the film industry. We are very hardworking people who are passionate about helping bring these projects to life, because they are simply more than "just movies". These projects are incredibly long hours, as well as actual blood, sweat and tears. We are a group who can adapt to any challenge, even a pandemic. I hope you will consider moving this bill forward, for it would help small businesses (like mine) stay alive and keep doing what we love to do, so that you can sit at home with your loved ones and enjoy them. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

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