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Senate Finance and Revenue
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senate Finance and Revenue Committee,

I'm writing to urge you to **vote YES on SB43** pertaining to labor rebates and tax credits for media production.

I run a virtual reality prototyping studio in Hillsboro. We work on a variety of projects with corporate, municipal, and academic clients. In addition to local partners including Nike and the City of Portland, we also draw in significant revenue from out of state clients.

We pay a good living wage (typically \$65-100/hour) for our talent, but we are exclusively contract based (hiring talent for specific projects). We always prioritize hiring talent locally, and that model is very dependent on programs like the media production credits to ensure that we have a strong pool of local talent available to us when we spin up around a project.

Please **vote YES on SB43** to extend these critical programs for our local production industry. It supports my livelihood.

Regards,

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