



Joint Committee on Tax Expenditure
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Dear Joint Committee on Tax Expenditure,

I'm writing to urge you to **vote YES on HB 3244 and SB43**. HB3244 expands the Oregon Production Incentive Fund (OPIF) from \$14 million to \$20 million. SB43 extends both the Oregon Production Investment Fund and the Greenlight Oregon programs for +6 years. These bills are critical to keeping our state competitive for film, TV, commercials, and other digital media.

My wife and I have worked in the Film/TV industry in the Pacific NW for going on 20 years, I have worked full time on projects like SHRILL, TIMMY FAILURE, ANGIE TRIBECA, BAD SAMARITAN, SEASON 1,2,3 AND 4 OF THE LIBRARIANS, GREEN ROOM, WILD, SEASON 3,4 AND 5 OF LEVERAGE, GONE, BRAIN TRUST, RESTLESS, WITHOUT A PADDLE PART 2, EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES, TWILIGHT, THE HERETIC, MANAGEMENT, INTO THE WILD, VALLEY OF LIGHT ,UNTRACEABLE and THE HUNTED just to name a few, all of these shows I have been in a position to hire local people for the crew.

I have watched our little industry grow and morph into what it is today. There have been some very lean times in the beginning, and as our incentive program grew I was able to watch our industry and ecosystem grow, and create hundreds upon hundreds of jobs, and many local companies grew with us creating jobs of their own. As our ecosystem grew my wife and I was finally able to achieve the American dream and purchase a home of our own in Clackamas county . Since then I have started a business created for bringing occupational safety to our industry, now I am a safety trainer full time and a Federal OSHA Outreach Specialist of Safety and Health with a focus on our unique industry, developing safety programs, and training our workers of today and tomorrow to make the best crews we can. As our incentive amount grows, our ecosystem will continue to grow. More people like me will start businesses and hire local workers, buy houses and achieve THEIR American dream. None of this would have been possible or attainable if it was not for our state incentive program. Please help us grow so more people in our industry can have things like healthcare, living wages, and forever homes. If you have helped us in the past, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. You have changed lives for the better. Please help so we can continue to create good-paying jobs for our fellow Oregonians.

Please **vote YES on HB 3244 and SB43** to expand and extend these critical programs for our local production industry. It supports my livelihood.

Regards,

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