

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

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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 am an Art Director and a Set Designer for Film and Television. Although I am a native Oregonian and own a home in SE Portland, most of my work in the past 4 years has been in New Mexico, California, Utah and Montana because those states (particularly New Mexico and California) have healthy and reliable labor rebates and tax credits for media production. 2 years ago, I had the honor to Art Direct Kelly Reichardt's most recent film, First Cow. It was an incredible project for all involved, and was only possible because of Oregon's tax credit system.

As Oregon's economy grows and evolves within the context of a global economy and an expeditious response to climate change, we need to encourage the expansion of creative industries like media production. Demand for media content is only increasing, and Oregon should put itself in the running as a prime location for producing that content. Unlike other industries that have historically sustained Oregon's economy, media production provides jobs without being extractive.

Please **vote YES on SB43** to extend these critical programs for our local production industry and let people like me work at home in Oregon! It creates safe, gratifying, well-paying jobs for Oregonians and increases revenues of local businesses.

Regards,

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