

*Chair Guzzone and Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building  
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**RE: SB452-SUPPORT**

My name is Donald Thoms. I'm a lifelong resident of Maryland and a television executive for nearly 50 years. I have worked for Maryland Public Television and Discovery Communications. I retired from PBS a few years ago and am now concentrating on supporting independent and filmmakers of color, while encouraging them to produce in the state of Maryland. Having crews of various sizes shooting here and spending money is important to the state.

That is why I am encouraging you to pass SB452 to give tax incentives to filmmakers, producers, and others in the industry as they view our state as a great place to film. From our Eastern shore to the mountains of Western Maryland, this state offers great locations and friendly residents.

So many other states offer great tax incentives and movie makers know it, and they sometimes flock to those states for cost savings.

Please strongly consider passing this bill.

Thanks in advance

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Executive Producer