Chair Guzzone and Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation committees
Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street, 3W
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re:SB 452-SUPPORT

Dear Chair Guzzone and Members of the Budget and Taxation Committees

I am writing this letter in full support of SB 452 calling for an increase of the film, production activity, tax credit. It is extremely important that we increase the tax credits for our local film industry in order to compete with all the other states that have managed to increase their budgets and attract TV and film productions. This is a bill that will not only benefit our acting community but will affect so many of our other related working and union groups. This will also have a huge trickle down effect for business like our hotels, restaurants, stores , rentals and the list goes on!

I have been very fortunate in my life and have worn many hats as an actor, physical therapist, biology instructor and lobbyist . I am presently on the MPT commission/ MPT Foundation and MPT Diversity Equity Inclusion and Justice Council, Boards of SAG-AFTRA / Md. Film Industry Coalition/Santa Anonymous/ Kiwanis. I have lots of Zoom meetings as I'm sure you all do as well!
I used my wedding gift money 33 years ago to join the Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists -luckily I'm still working as an actor and still married!

It's so important to get the funding to bring back more productions to Maryland. We used to be the " go to destination" for so many major films and television projects. Remember Homicide Life on the Streets and The Wire? There were alot of "dead bodies " but they all got paid a good salary! Those were the good ol! days! That was ridiculous that the movie Annapolis was filmed in Philadelphia and Hairspray in Toronto! Maryland has been losing out on too much work!

We are urging your support for this bill and hope you will give it
a favorable report out of committee.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,
Ellie K. Wang
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