

February 16, 2023

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

RE: SB452-SUPPORT

Dear Sirs:

I am the Director and Owner of the Arts Insurance Program, affiliated with Maury, Donnelly and Parr. We provide insurance products to the Film Industry in Maryland, working with Students Film Makers, Small Producers and those of up to Five Million in budget.

I am writing to support Bill SB452, as it dramatically impact our ability to expand our business and increase our employment of insurance professionals. Increasing the number of film shoots, the supporting vendors and increasing the businesses that film making supports. All of these companies are clients of our business and their growth impacts my Maryland company.

All of my employees were hired locally and have worked for me over the past fifteen years. The passing of this bill would allow me to hire additional staff and increase their salaries.

I urge you to pass this bill, which supports not only filmmaking in Maryland, but those small businesses that rely on the industry in Maryland.

Sincerely

Bob Middleton
Director

Arts Insurance Program