



February 22, 2022

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

RE: SB 452

Dear Chair Guzzone and Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee,

On behalf of the nearly 5,000 local members of the Screen Actors Guild - American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, AFL-CIO who live and work in Maryland, I am writing to ask for your support of Senate Bill 452, which seeks to increase the annual amount of tax credits available for the Film Production Activity Tax Credit.

Thanks to your past support, our members have seen work return to Maryland. With your continued support, we will be able to bring new television and film projects to Maryland creating jobs, supporting local businesses, and generating revenue to the state and local governments. The legislation has been successful and with an increase to the available amount of tax credits Maryland actors, stunt persons, background actors, electricians, grips, camera crew, set dressers, prop persons, wardrobe, hair, and make up specialists, caterers, special effects experts, construction workers, drivers, assistant directors, casting personnel, production assistants, production office workers, technical advisors, security personnel, off-duty police officers, and any number of other residents will allow them to continue to work and earn a fair, livable wage in our industry here at home in Maryland.

The Washington-Mid Atlantic Local of SAG-AFTRA strongly supports this bill and encourages you to vote favorably in support of SB 452.

Submitted with thanks,

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