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Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

SB 907 - Maryland Film Office - Entertainment and Film Funding Grant Program - Establishment

SUPPORT

The creation of an Entertainment and Film Funding Grant Program would help create new opportunities for State residents and companies doing work here in Maryland in the Film and Television industries.

Paul Thomas
President

Currently, there are talented people who are getting their start in the film industry who would benefit from this Grant program. The companies that will benefit most are smaller companies based in Maryland that need that additional money to get their projects off the ground or to professionally complete their projects in Post-Production. The funding this bill would create would allow productions eligible for this Grant to redirect some of their funds to larger crews, better equipment, sets and so much more under this program.

Justin Unger
*Vice President
Southern Region*

There are Film and Television programs throughout the Colleges and Universities in Maryland that are training the next generation of filmmakers. This will help create opportunities for those graduates to thrive. The crew and talent here in Maryland have established themselves as amongst the best in the world and this Bill would help add to those ranks. Productions want to hire the majority of their crew locally and this would further the experience the crews need to succeed.

Len Applefeld
*Vice President
Northern Region*

Ellen Popiel
Secretary/Treasurer

This isn't about supporting Corporations or celebrities - This is about supporting men, women, and kin of Maryland who rely upon the Motion Picture and Television industry to support themselves and their families. This is about job creation and job retention. This is about creating opportunities to advance and flourish and grow in Maryland.

David M. O'Ferrall
Business Agent

Senate Bill 907 will allow this industry to grow and create good jobs here in Maryland and we ask that you SUPPORT the Bill with a FAVORABLE REPORT.

David O'Ferrall
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