

**GCCC Testimony SB 664 Film Tax Credit 3-2-22.pdf**

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Testimony offered on behalf of:  
THE GARRETT COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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FAVORABLE:  
SB 664 – Income Tax - Film Production Activity Tax Credit - Filming Locations

Budget and Taxation Committee  
March 2, 2022

On behalf of the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, representing 500 member organizations in Western Maryland, I write to express our support of **SB 664 – Income Tax - Film Production Activity Tax Credit - Filming Locations**.

Senate Bill 664 requires the Secretary of Commerce to make available, for film production activities in Allegany, Caroline, Dorchester, Garrett, Kent, Prince George's, Somerset, Washington, or Wicomico counties, 20% of the total amount of tax credits that the Secretary may approve in a fiscal year. Putting these tax credits in place would give single film production companies incentive to film and produce more in rural areas.

The Chamber respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE committee report on SB 664**.

Sincerely,

*Holly Lane*

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**2-28-22 HB1144 Support Letter.pdf**

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February 28, 2022

The Honorable Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Chairman  
Ways & Means Committee  
House Office Building  
Room 131  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

### **RE: HB1144 – Income Tax – Film Production Activity Tax Credit – Filming Locations**

Dear Chairman Atterbeary and Members of the Ways & Means Committee:

Allegany County Tourism urges your support of HB1144, requiring the Secretary of Commerce to make available for film production activities in Allegany, Caroline, Dorchester, Garrett, Kent, Prince George's, Somerset, Washington, or Wicomico counties, 20% of the total amount of tax credits that the Secretary may approve in a fiscal year.

The Film Production Activity Tax Credit program is designed to strengthen the film production industry in Maryland and has a proven record of providing a positive impact on the State's economy. The legislation secured the first four seasons of the award-winning HBO series *Veep*, the groundbreaking Netflix series *House of Cards*, as well as many independent films, generating an economic impact in the State of \$900 million.

Allegany County, Maryland, was approached with an opportunity in 2021 to work with a major streaming service and film producer, looking at our county as the set location for filming a TV series. Ultimately, given our distance from the State's studio zone and allocation of the state film credits, the production had to make fiscal decisions that relocated the filming series from Allegany County, Maryland, to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Please vote favorably on HB1144 to support the film and tourism industries in Maryland.

Sincerely,

Jacob C. Shade  
President

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## Department of Economic and Tourism Development

February 28, 2022

The Honorable Vanessa E. Atterbeary  
Chair, Ways and Means Committee  
131 Taylor House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

RE: SB664/HB1144 – Income Tax – Film Production Activity Tax Credit – Filming Locations

Dear Delegate Atterbeary:

Kent County Economic and Tourism Development supports Senate Bill 664/House Bill 1144 that would set aside 20% of the tax credit amount for Maryland Small or Independent Film entities for fiscal year 2023 and each fiscal year thereafter in Allengany, Caroline, Dorchester, Garrett, Kent, Prince George's, Somerset, Washington, or Wicomico Counties.

These counties have much to offer filmmakers. Tourism is key to stimulating local economies, film-induced tourism serves to attract visitors inspired by the beautiful sceneries of locations exposed in cinema and stories linked to those locations. Studies have shown that a film can have a powerful impact on a destination's image and the decision to travel, making an important contribution to tourism.

Senate Bill 664/House Bill 1144 will have a profound impact on Kent County as it would entice and encourage diversity as well as provide options for film entities looking for authentic rural character, historic landscapes, and pristine waterfront views. The ability to attract filmmakers through the use of tax credits would bolster economic development.

Given the foregoing, Kent County Economic Development respectfully requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 664/House Bill 1144.

Sincerely,

Jamie Williams, CEcD  
Director

cc: The County Commissioners of Kent County  
Senator Stephen S. Hershey  
Delegate Jay A. Jacobs  
Delegate Steven J. Arentz  
Delegate Jefferson L. Ghrist

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## Department of Economic and Tourism Development

February 28, 2022

The Honorable Guy Guzzone  
Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee  
3 West Street  
Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB664/HB1144 – Income Tax – Film Production Activity Tax Credit – Filming Locations

Dear Senator Guzzone:

Kent County Economic and Tourism Development supports Senate Bill 664/House Bill 1144 that would set aside 20% of the tax credit amount for Maryland Small or Independent Film entities for fiscal year 2023 and each fiscal year thereafter in Allengany, Caroline, Dorchester, Garrett, Kent, Prince George's, Somerset, Washington, or Wicomico Counties.

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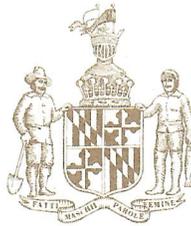
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March 2, 2022

**Testimony in Support of SB 664 Income Tax – Film Production Activity Tax Credit –  
Filming Locations**

Chair Guzzone and Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee;

Thank you for hearing *SB 664 Income Tax – Film Production Activity Tax Credit – Filming Locations*. This bill would direct a portion of the existing Film tax credit program for film production activities in Allegany, Caroline, Dorchester, Garrett, Kent, Prince George's, Somerset, Washington, and Wicomico Counties. Specifically, the Secretary of Commerce would direct 20% of the total amount of tax credits available in a fiscal year to those specified localities.

Directing a portion of the existing tax credit to these Counties will allow for more opportunities in the film industry to take place in those respective counties. Each year there are a number of film production activities that are executed in the state of Maryland; however, historically, many of these activities have been unable to be accomplished due to high costs of production in these counties. We are introducing this legislation for the purpose of providing equality in the application of the exciting tax credit throughout Maryland.

Thank you for your consideration as I respectfully ask for a Favorable report on SB 664.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul D. Corderman".

Senator Paul D. Corderman  
District 2 – Washington County