

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

FAVORABLE: HB 1144 – Income Tax - Film Production Activity Tax Credit - Filming Locations

Ways and Means 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 <u>HB 1144 – Income Tax - Film Production Activity</u> <u>Tax Credit - Filming Locations</u>.

House Bill 1144 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 HB 1144.

Sincerely,

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