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House Appropriations
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RE: HB432 Maryland Production Subsidy Program

Chair Atterbeary and the House Ways and Means Committee
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February 7, 2022

Dear Honorable Chair Atterbeary and Members of the House Ways and Means Committee,

My name is William H Spencer Jr. I am the President of VIP Security Services, LLC. I am writing in support of HB432, which will increase the annual amount of tax credits available for film production in Maryland.

VIP was formed in early 2002 to fulfill a need for an organized film security company. Members of VIP have worked in the industry for over 25 years. When VIP was first formed we employed over 125 people. These employees consist of skilled, unskilled and jobless. VIP hired entire families in some cases taking people right off the unemployment line. We were even able to pull in employees from the division of child support enforcement.

VIP has survived with the help of the film industry, our employees found a voice to speak out against debt and were able to support their families and contribute to the state of Maryland's tax Base. Due to recent lack of film projects, VIP has lost many of its employees back to the unemployment line and back to problems with child support enforcement.

So I ask you to please give HB432 a favorable report. It means more than just jobs, it means hope to community. It's opportunities to the residents of these communities. It helps to educate our youth. They will actually get to see the industry at work and not just on their television. They can see that its people just like them that make the magic of film and television happen. So, not only does it provide revenue and jobs for the citizens of Maryland. It helps to ensure a future for the film industry.

Thank You
William H. Spencer Jr.