

February 3, 2022

Chair Atterbeary and Members of the House Ways and Means Committee House Office Building, Room 131 6 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB432-SUPPORT

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

I am writing this in support of HB432, which will increase the annual amount of tax credits available for film production in Maryland.

My name is Yolanda Drenner and I am the owner of Access Metals, Inc. My company supplies structural steel and other metals that are used in the construction and building industries, as well as their related fields. In part over the years, we have supplied these materials to the production companies for use either in the production directly or in behind the scenes applications. These jobs have helped my business by creating ongoing work for my employees over an extended period.

In my opinion, extending these tax credits not only helps my business to both grow and survive, but it also allows other local businesses, such as lodging, tourism, and retail (among many others) to do the same. As the income for my business and the ones mentioned grows, this allows for the potential of staffing increases, profit increases and growth, and business expansion across the State of Maryland. Without these credits, production companies are free to go to neighboring states who will gladly extend these benefits, thereby growing their local businesses and economies.

In closing, please give HB432 a favorable report and extend these credits, so Maryland and its businesses can grow not only in the immediate future, but in the long term as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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