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

MegaMind Media, LLC is a Maryland film production company founded in 2015. With a catalog of one hundred and sixty book titles, it is the fastest growing company in America specializing in books to film adaptation, original television series and programing. Since launching, it has produced several award-winning movies which have been adapted to film and TV series for networks such as Viacom/BET Networks, TV ONE, URBAN MOVIE CHANNEL and NETFLIX. It has successfully screened films at ABBFF and Sundance. It has licensed its films nationally and internationally. Its most recent films include “*Dear Best Friend*”, “*Holiday Heartbreak*”, and “*A Rich Christmas*”, as well as “*Secrets*”, “*All In*”, “*The Available Wife*”, and “*Sinners Wanted*”. MegaMind just completed producing seven short films for BET Networks Her Project. The films were all shot in Maryland and are airing now. In the beginning of the pandemic, MegaMind was one of few companies to establish comprehensive guidelines and plans approved by industry representative such as SAG-AFTRA to shoot during COVID-19.

As a Maryland business, I believe that expanding the annual amount of tax credits available for film production in Maryland will strengthen the opportunity for film production in the state. It will increase our abilities and consequent opportunities to produce quality films. The business of movie making will continue to expand and draw the necessary talents and service providers, which in turn increases opportunities for us, citizens of Maryland. We have a beautiful and diverse state that is ideal for this industry. Passing HB432 will ensure that Maryland continues to be attractive to filmmakers and competitive in this industry. Please support HB432!

If you would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Tressa Smallwood

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President