

February 5, 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 in support of HB432, which will increase the annual amount of tax credits available for film production in Maryland.

I am a motion picture, television and commercial Location Scout and Manager who lives in Annapolis and have been working in the industry throughout Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC for over 30 years.

I have personally seen how the availability of film incentives directly affects the decision on whether to bring a project to the state. Last Spring, I scouted for a limited series project being produced by one of the three major streaming studios. The story was based on an actual event that took place mostly in Maryland. The scouting took almost three months to complete and covered every region of the state, however a decision was ultimately made to base the production in Georgia due to their generous film incentive program, and similar funding in Maryland was exhausted. While I was happy to be employed for several months, the state and the local industry missed out on the opportunity to provide jobs for so many others for almost a year if there had been incentives available for the project.

I am a firm believer in film incentive programs as a tool to attract productions to the region, and I have seen firsthand how they greatly influence the decision to base a project in a particular state. Please give HB432 a favorable report as I do not want to see projects lost due to exhausted or unavailable funding in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.



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