

February 7, 2023

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

RE: HB270-SUPPORT

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

My name is Donald Thoms. I'm a lifelong resident of Maryland and a television executive for nearly 50 years. I retired from PBS a few years ago and am now concentrating on supporting new, independent and filmmakers of color, while encouraging them to produce in the state of Maryland. Having crews of various sizes shooting here and spending money is important to the state.

That is why I am encouraging you to pass HB270 to give tax incentives to filmmakers, producers and others in the industry as they view our state as a great place to film. From our Eastern shore to the mountains of Western Maryland this state offers great locations and friendly residents.

So many other states offer great tax incentives and movie makers know it, and they sometimes flock to those states for cost savings.

Please strongly consider passing this bill.

Thanks in advance,

Donald H. Thoms
Executive Producer