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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 440
Income Tax – Theatrical Production Tax Credit – Sunset Extension
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TO: Hon. Jheanelle K. Wilkins, Chair, and Members of the House Ways and Means Committee

FROM: Mary C. Plaine, President, Musicians' Association of Metropolitan Baltimore, Local 40-543, American Federation of Musicians

Theatrical Production Tax Credits have allowed the Hippodrome Theatre at the France-Merrick Performing Arts Center to make positive contributions to the city of Baltimore and its surrounding communities. A continuation of these tax credits will not only allow the Hippodrome to remain a launching location for major theatrical pre-Broadway runs or touring companies but will also provide increased jobs, wages, and benefits to the workers connected to these productions.

AFM Local 40-543 represents the professional musicians in our community who are employed to play in the pit or on the stage for these shows. We urge members of the House Ways and Means Committee to vote **FOR** SB 440 and extend the Theatrical Production Tax Credit.

Sincerely,

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