

My name is Lawrence Easter, and I am the Head Prop person at the Hippodrome Theater. I am writing this letter to show my support for the extension of the Theatrical Production Tax credit. This tax credit has generated a substantial amount of work and income for us, especially since COVID. The tax credit encourages Productions to come to our state.

We believe the entire staff at the Hippodrome, across the board, are regarded as being some of the best in the country. Unfortunately, that alone will not guarantee productions will choose to come to the Hippodrome Theater or even our state. It is evident that this tax credit has helped bring productions to Maryland by the number of shows that have come here since it has gone into effect.

I appreciate the effort everyone has put forth so far and look forward to extending this credit for another five years. Let's get this passed to showcase the arts in this great state of Maryland.

Thank you,

Lawrence Easter