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RE: SUPPORT SB388/HB898

On behalf of the more than 2,000 Screen Actors Guild - American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, AFL-CIO members who live in Maryland, I urge you to support the Economic Development - Delivering Economic Competitiveness and Advancing Development Efforts (DECADE) Act (SB388/HB898).

For actors, working on a film or television production as a principal performer, even for a day, results in a nice credit and a good living wage. It also means residual payments for years to come when the film is streamed, distributed in foreign markets, or shown on cable television. Even background work is coveted because it helps our members qualify for their health insurance and pension, thereby reducing the impact on state programs.

A film or television production generates work for thousands of people who live here. That means jobs for local actors, but also for crew members to build the sets, move the gear, and transport the cast. It means hotel rooms, rental cars, catering, and security details. That money has a direct effect on the local Maryland economy.

By making positive changes to the Maryland Film Production Activity Tax Credit, such as lifting the per-project cap, we can encourage new infrastructure investments, create more jobs, foster a successful career path for students, and allow the many talented film industry workers to remain and thrive in Maryland. On behalf of the numerous residents who are part of Maryland's creative economy, the Washington-Mid Atlantic Local of SAG-AFTRA strongly supports this bill and encourages you to vote favorably in support of SB388/HB898.

Respectfully submitted,

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