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Members of the House Ways and Means Committee
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

SUPPORT SB388/HB898

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

The Maryland Film Industry Coalition is an alliance of labor and business leaders, educational institutions and individuals who work together to improve the business conditions for the film and television industry in Maryland.

We support the Governor's Decade Act with regards to the Maryland Film Production Activity Tax Credit. SB388/HB898 represents a positive step forward and we support any changes that may help the film industry.

The Film Production Activity Tax Credit Program requires no upfront funding. Credits are issued only after production is complete and dollars have already been spent in Maryland. Independent studies confirm that the program more than pays for itself. According to the 2014 and 2020 Regional Economic Studies Institute (RESI) Economic Impact Study, every dollar claimed in film tax credits returns \$1.03 in combined property, sales, income and other tax revenues, while generating \$3.69 in total economic output for Maryland. From 2011 through 2025, Maryland's film industry generated more than \$1.5 billion in economic impact, hiring over 24,000 Maryland crew and actors and conducted business with approximately 29,000 Maryland businesses.

The MFIC deeply appreciates the committee's longstanding support of the film industry. We respectfully urge you to continue working with us to strengthen and maintain the Maryland Film Production Activity Tax Credit- a program that creates career pathways for our students, supports our skilled workforce of crew and actors and the small businesses that provide the goods and services the industry needs.

Now more than ever, Maryland needs a stable, predictable program to ensure a solid business climate and continued investment by the film business in our state.

Sincerely,

Debbie Dorsey
Chair, Maryland Film Industry Coalition