Dear Speaker Householder,

The Senate has reinstated the Ohio Motion Picture Tax Credit into the budget. I am writing you today to encourage you not only to keep it in the budget, but also to increase the cap for the program to $100 million per year. This will help us create a permanent industry in Ohio and will allow for the building of new sound stages.

The success of the Ohio Motion Picture Tax Credit is real and demonstrable. Over 5,000 full-time-equivalent (FTE) jobs have been created since the Ohio Motion Picture Tax Credit was enacted in 2009. If the program is discontinued, most of those people will have to seek employment in other states. According to a study by the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA), over 850 businesses have been used in the state. The program has had an economic impact of nearly $700 million. For every dollar that is spent on the program, $2.01 has come back to Ohio's economy, according to a 2017 Cleveland State University study. The average salary in the media industry in Ohio is over $60,000 per year.

I can personally attest to the incredible impact of this program. (Insert your story here).

Again, thank you for your help.

Let us continue to grow this industry and make Ohio a global production destination so that we can bring even more jobs and economic impact to our great state.

Sincerely,