

March 13, 2023

TO: House Taxes Committee

RE: In support of HF2059

Dear Legislators,

My name is Matt Burns. I am a film director and a SAG-AFTRA stunt professional. I am writing today in support of HF2059.

Though I now live in Atlanta, GA, I was born in Minneapolis. I'm also a graduate of Minneapolis College of Art and Design. I got my start in film and TV work in Minnesota, but ended up moving out of state for better opportunities. However, the growing momentum provided by the rebates and tax incentives in Minnesota has been luring me back! I am currently working to bring a \$3 million action thriller film to Minnesota – scheduled to be shot later this year in Duluth. Producers I speak with in Atlanta and in Los Angeles are increasingly intrigued by the benefits of shooting in Minnesota.

Please know I am fighting to bring my current production (titled American Blood), and even bigger future projects to Minnesota. Each film can provide dozens of excellent jobs for Minnesotans, fill hotels and generate business for local restaurants and food providers. When film and TV grows, cities and even states grow. I am seeing that right now in Georgia, and am thrilled to contribute to the same energy in Minnesota – my home state.

Thank you for your consideration and your support of HF2059.

Sincerely,

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