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TO: House Economic Development Finance & Policy Committee

RE: In support of HF2059

Dear Legislators,

My name is Peter Moore. I am the President of the SAG-AFTRA Twin Cities Local. Our union represents more than 600 local actors and broadcasters. I am writing in support of HF 2059.

Minnesota was once in the top five states for film and TV production. But as other states passed more generous film tax incentives, all of those jobs left our state. This started to change when the film production tax incentive bill was passed in 2021.

For the first time in decades, we have seen motion pictures with significant budgets come to Minnesota, bringing with them not only cast & crew jobs on-set, but also increased business for local hotels, caterers, equipment rentals, and a whole host of other local businesses that are essential to produce a film.

While our current film tax incentive has proven a success, it is still too modest to attract larger productions and television series. Those are the kinds of projects that create the most jobs and, in the case of series, often for several years. With HF 2059 the legislature now has the option to double down on a great bipartisan idea and create even more jobs in one of the most in-demand industries in the world.

I would strongly urge all of you to support this bill. Any legislation that can bring even more jobs, particularly in a thriving, well-paying industry that would benefit all of Minnesota, should be enthusiastically welcomed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Moore".

Peter Moore
President
Twin Cities SAG-AFTRA Local