



September 28, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker Johnson and Leader Thune:

We write regarding the bipartisan, bicameral Motion Picture, Television, and Entertainment Revitalization Act and its potential impact on domestic film and television production, American workers, and small businesses.

For California, film and television production is far more than a signature industry. It is an economic engine that supports skilled trades, middle-class jobs, and thousands of businesses throughout our state.

When a production chooses California, the economic activity extends well beyond the studio gates. It creates work for electricians, carpenters, drivers, construction crews, set builders, costumers, technicians, and other skilled professionals. It also supports restaurants and caterers, hotels, equipment suppliers, hardware stores, transportation companies, florists, and countless other small businesses that provide the goods and services necessary to bring a production to life.

These are the workers and businesses that feel the consequences when productions move overseas. Losing a production does not simply mean losing a filming location. It can mean fewer hours for a tradesperson, less work for a small vendor, and less economic activity in the communities we represent.

The Motion Picture, Television, and Entertainment Revitalization Act proposes a federal framework intended to make domestic production more competitive with foreign jurisdictions offering substantial production incentives. The legislation would establish a 20 percent labor-

based federal tax credit for qualifying film and television productions that spend at least \$1 million and conduct at least 75 percent of their principal photography in the United States.

The proposal also includes additional credits that could increase the incentive to as much as 30 percent for certain qualifying productions, including independent projects, productions in rural opportunity zones and disaster-affected communities, multi-state productions, and projects demonstrating measurable movement of production back to the United States.

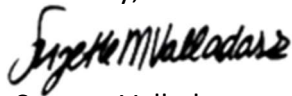
Importantly, the legislation recognizes that the economic footprint of this industry extends beyond the film set. Qualifying post-production and visual-effects work performed in the United States would also be eligible, and the proposed federal credit could supplement rather than replace state production incentives.

California has invested significantly in maintaining a competitive environment for film and television production because of the jobs and economic activity the industry generates. A federal policy would operate alongside those state efforts while addressing competition from foreign production incentives on a national scale.

The stakes extend well beyond actors, directors, and studios. They include the electrician lighting a set, the carpenter building it, the driver transporting equipment, and the small businesses supplying lumber, paint, food, lodging, vehicles, equipment, and other essential services.

Given the significant economic role film and television production plays in California and across the country, we respectfully ask you to give the Motion Picture, Television, and Entertainment Revitalization Act prompt consideration and to examine its potential to retain domestic production, support American workers, and strengthen small businesses throughout the United States.

Sincerely,



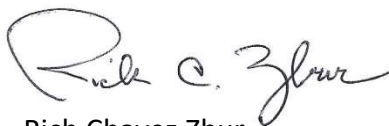
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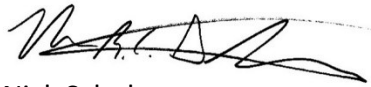
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