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[Insert Representative's Name & Address HERE]

**Re: H.B. 525 Increase the Ohio Motion Picture Tax Credit**

Dear Representative [Insert Name Here]:

As a community member of Northeast Ohio, I encourage you to vote "Yes" on H.B. 525 to increase the Ohio Motion Picture Tax Credit from \$40 million to \$100 million.

A recent study conducted by Cleveland State University done on behalf of the Greater Cleveland Film Commission has shown the incredible return on investment that the Ohio Motion Picture Tax Credit already provides for the State of Ohio. According to the study, since 2009, the State of Ohio has seen more than \$572 million in economic impact and created more than 4,162 full-time equivalent jobs thanks to media production.

I support the Greater Cleveland Film Commission in their work to make Northeast Ohio the premiere destination for Hollywood productions. I have seen the positive effects of the Ohio Motion Picture Tax Credit and see the tremendous value that incentives like this play in creating jobs for the industry professionals in my community and the local businesses that I have seen flourish as a result of film, TV, and commercial productions. Without this incentive, and certainly without an increase in this incentive, there will not be the prospect of consistent work in this field, and Ohioans will lose out on this incredible opportunity to become the premiere destination for media production.

The passage of H.B. 525 would continue to create jobs not only for the industry professionals in Ohio, but also for those looking to enter this career field, like the students who will soon be graduating from Cleveland State University's School of Film & Media Arts.

Thank you for your consideration, and I again urge you to vote "Yes" on this bill. It is not just me as a concerned community member that takes interest, but the local businesses and future filmmakers of Ohio who are counting on you to create jobs should this law pass.

Sincerely,