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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee: My name is Pat Darrow, and I am the President of The Ohio Conference of Teamsters and represent 55,000 active men and women. I am here today to testify as a Proponent for the Ohio Film tax credit and the need to continue to create a global media industry in the State of Ohio.

Since 2009 and the inception of the film tax credit Ohio has proven to be an extremely desirable place for filmmakers to create content, whether it is film, television or commercials. Many people know about the movies that have been made here; Avengers, Captain America, Draft day, but what they do not see are the high paying jobs that these movies create behind the scenes for Ohioans. Since 2009 Ohio has seen 4,162 jobs full time equivalent jobs created many of those Teamster jobs with an average pay over \$1,500 per week.

According to Cleveland State University the Ohio Motion Picture Tax Incentive returns \$2.01 into the Ohio's economy for every \$1 invested by the tax incentive. Since passage of the Ohio Motion Picture Tax Credit in 2009, media production has brought in over \$572 million in economic impact to the state. These are dollars that are being put into Ohioans pocketbooks.

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