My name is Bill Garvey. I have worked as a location manager in the movie industry for 25 years. I was 1 of the many professionals who moved to Ohio because of the creation of the Ohio Motion Picture Tax Credit 10 years ago, after a 15 year career working on movies in 8 states throughout the Northeast US. I have worked exclusively here in Ohio over the past 10 years on movies.

My credits include The Avengers, Captain America: Winter Soldier, Fast & Furious 8, Spiderman 2, The Sopranos, Law & Order, and over 40 other movies and over a dozen other television shows, along with dozens of tv commercials & print advertising.

My department, the locations department, starts well in advance of filming to scout filming locations and plan & coordinate the logistics involved in moving the film crew in and out of each set. We act as a liaison between the production and the community and government. This planning process takes between 3 months and as much as a year before filming takes place. My department alone directly spends 100s of thousand of dollars, and sometimes millions of dollars, over a very short time period during which the movie is filmed in Ohio (1 month to several months). We are but a small part of the millions of out of state dollars movie companies spend in Ohio during filming.

Movies on which I have worked have spent 100s of millions directly in Ohio on Ohio based vendors, supplies, office rentals, filming location fees, security guards, off duty police officers, and hundreds of other Ohio based goods and services too numerous to list.

This tax incentive has proven to be extremely effective in attracting talented professionals to move to Ohio, and encourage recent college grads to stay in Ohio instead of moving away. The majority of the crew on these movies lives in Ohio.

My verbal testimony can provide greater insight as to how broadly the Film Tax Incentive influences economic growth and job creation in the communities in which we film. I hope you will set aside some time for me to speak tomorrow.

I thank the senators of the finance committee for devoting time to the effect the film tax incentive has in creating jobs and bringing 100s of millions of out of state dollars to invest in Ohio.

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