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Chairman Blessing, Vice Chair Roegner, Ranking Member Smith and members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony for Senate Bill 4.

My name is Jon Osbeck and I have been working in the film, media, and entertainment industry for over 20 years as a writer, director, actor, and producer.

Having lived in Ohio nearly my entire life, I am committed to helping build and cultivate a thriving film production industry and community that will create sustainable jobs and generate revenue in this state and its cities and local communities, which can happen with the approval of Senate Bill 4.

My production company, Big Deal Pictures, is currently in development on a feature film scheduled to shoot in Central Ohio later this year. This single project will employ more than 200 workers, artists, and contractors, and bring new revenue to local businesses, vendors, restaurants, and more.

Ohio is no stranger to film productions, from Marvel films in Cleveland to the recent Robert DeNiro film shot in Cincinnati earlier this year. But there are also countless Ohio-based film and media production companies and professionals that could be creating even more opportunities with all the benefits this bill has to offer. It will not only attract more productions from outside Ohio but also keep productions from leaving the state and seeking better incentives elsewhere.

With the passing of this bill, and Ohio's amazing resources of talented film industry professionals both crew and talent, the existing production infrastructure, its vast and varied locations and seasons, the affordability of services, and the strong work ethic of my fellow Ohioans in this business, I believe Ohio can become the next premier film production state in the nation.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, thank you for your time today. I am happy to answer any questions.

Sincerely,



Jon Osbeck