I want to Thank Everyone here for allowing me to testify today . I am testifying  today as a fellow Ohioan . My wife and I bought a house in Euclid and we have been married for 38 years  this June . We raised three daughters all college graduates . I am a retired Letter Carrier and Air Force Veteran . I am now pursuing a career in acting . I have been working toward this occupation part time for 12 years and full time for the last 2 ½ years . I have worked background in numerous Hollywood movies and have acted in many independent ,student and short films and some theater . I have recently worked on student films at Cleveland State University Film School . It was a joy to work with young people who were very enthusiastic about learning .They treated me with respect and were respectful of my time . They ran the filming sessions in a very

professional way and knew how to organize it . I found out late in life what I wanted to do for a living and I love to act in film . I think in life you should find out what you love to do and do it . I am testifying today in favor of raising the tax incentive for Ohio Films . It will bring more money into the state and create at least 5500+ jobs . It will help businesses in Ohio that will support the productions with all needed resources while filming . It will bring needed tax money into Ohio to help pay for services and reduce the taxes us Ohioans will have to pay .Without the film incentive increase the film industry in Ohio will be devastated and destroyed . Zero Film incentive !! Zero Film Industry !! Zero Jobs !! Zero money coming into the state .The increase in the tax incentive makes good sense to approve . It’s a win for Ohio . A win for Ohioans . A win for the film Industry in Ohio . A win for taxpayers . . A win for the newly established film schools .A win for aspiring actors and others employed here the film industry . Passing this incentive will cost us Ohioans nothing in taxes  . Failing to pass this increase will cost us all in the loss of: jobs ,loss taxes,and loss of an film industry . I traveled the country in the service . I realized I lived in the greatest location in the nation . I love Ohio and I want to work in the film industry here . Ohio has a lot to offer the Film industry . The people I have met while working on numerous sets are impressed with our state and with the midwestern work ethic that we as Ohions bring to the table . Please help us to continue to pursue our dreams . Please help us to continue to build a film industry here in Ohio by voting to increase the Ohio Tax incentive for filming in Ohio Thank You !

Sincerely ,

Richard Thomas Phillis