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The Honorable Bill Blessing Chairman, Ways & Means Committee Ohio Senate Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Blessing:

On behalf of the member companies of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, I am submitting this letter of support for Senate Bill 4. SB 4 is a pilot or demonstration tax credit for motion pictures and theatre productions. During this four-year demonstration the current credit in use in Ohio is enhanced to model the successful Georgia credit.

The Ohio Chamber believes the SB 4 improvements to the current motion picture and theatre production tax credit program will make Ohio more competitive in the ever-evolving world of film production. The business to produce shows is now spread out among several platforms with new companies joining the business each year. To keep Ohio an attractive location to produce motion pictures it needs to compete with incumbent states, many which have tax credit programs such as Georgia and New York. This four-year demonstration will benefit Ohio and the film production industry located in Ohio.

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the effort to keep Ohio competitive in this very robust industry and urges the Ways & Means Committee to refer SB 4 to the Rules and Reference Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

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