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Written Statement in Support of SB 91
House Committee on Taxation
Wednesday, March 15, 2023

The METL Coalition, consisting of Chambers of Commerce in Manhattan, Emporia, Topeka and Lawrence, supports the passage of Senate Bill 91, which would provide filmmaking incentives in our state.

Kansas is one of just a few states who do not offer film incentives to production companies, leaving Kansas uncompetitive in the market. Film incentives, if brought to Kansas, create an opportunity for economic growth in the film industry across the state. Independent film makers, film vendors, crew members, and film students look forward to enhanced opportunities through the bill's passage.

Data provided by Grow Kansas Film, a coalition of film professionals supporting the film industry through advocacy & education around film-friendly legislation in Kansas, indicates the motion picture and television industry in Kansas is directly responsible for 3,880 jobs. Those employment numbers can be enhanced significantly with the passage of Senate Bill 91.

The 2023 film tax incentive legislation is an economic development program to make Kansas competitive for film and media production resulting in millions of dollars of spending in our state, jobs and workforce development in an expanding field, and the promotion of tourism.

Passage of the measure would incentivize national and local production, grow local resources and production capacity, as well as create an environment to keep talent, expand programs, and grow the technological talent base.

A film tax incentive in 2023 is a modest step to enter the field, but enough to get a look and consideration with other states for future projects. The State loses nothing. Any approved project that comes in and contributes leaves more revenue than they take.

Passage of Senate Bill 91 would help attract national productions and facilitate local production, bring sustainable projects and sustainable jobs, increase state revenue and local tourism, and help build a skilled technical workforce to keep the next generation in Kansas.