

Thea Washington Casting

DATE: Friday, February 4, 2022

Chair Atterbeary and Members of the
House Ways and Means Committee
House Office Building, Room 131
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB432-SUPPORT

Dear Chair Atterbeary and Members of the House Ways and Means Committee,

I am writing in support of HB432, which will increase the annual amount of tax credits available for film production in Maryland.

My name is Thea Washington and I'm a top African American female Casting Director working in the Maryland area. I was born and raised in Maryland and it is a blessing to work where my family, friends and community are rooted. Many of my colleagues have made the move to a big city like New York or LA and would dream of the chance to work in their hometown.

Casting projects locally like Disney's "Spook Who Sat By The Door" and HBO's "We Own The City" along with several other commercials, I've been able to provide jobs and opportunities for over 5,000 people in the Maryland area. I still get letters, dms, Fb inboxes on how they were grateful to work on that project, or how it helped them when they were unemployed, or it was just an amazing experience.

This will help my small business immensely. This will always give people from my community lots of opportunities. Also many of us filmmakers have to travel and stay away from our families to stay employed. During the past two projects so many crew members expressed how happy they were to work from home.

HB432 is important to filmmakers, communities, actors, crewmembers, artisans, caterers, etc. This will help us all and I would love to do anything I can in my power to help and support HB432.

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