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House Taxation Committee
Montana House of Representatives
Helena, MT. 59620-0400

February 14, 2005

RE: HB 584

Dear Committee Members:

We are asking you to support HB 584 "The Big Sky on the Big Screen" film industry incentive act. I have been a Producer/Director of Photography in the film and video business for over thirty years. Robin is a production accountant. In the last fifteen years we have witnessed the runaway of film production from the United States to Canada, Eastern Europe, Australia, and New Zealand. We have lost work as production companies have moved their projects to those countries that are offering incentive packages to attract their productions. It has been and is a national problem.

Over the last several years many states have begun offering tax incentive programs to attract film/video production back to the United States and specifically to their states. Montana is now losing out not only worldwide but also within the United States. HB 584 will make Montana competitive so that stories like "Undaunted Courage" that should and could be filmed in Montana will be filmed in Montana. Film production is a clean industry that will inject insignificant dollars into the Montana economy.

HB 584 is excellent economic development legislation. We ask for your support.

Sincerely


Robert Ebinger


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