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March 28, 2022

The Honorable Anthony Portantino  
California State Senate, District 25  
1021 O Street, Room 7630  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Laurene Weste  
Mayor

Dear Senator Portantino:

Jason Gibbs  
Mayor Pro Tem

SUBJECT: SB 485 (PORTANTINO): SUPPORT

Marsha McLean  
Councilmember

The City of Santa Clarita is pleased to support Senate Bill 485, extending the California Film and Television Tax Credit Program for five additional fiscal years through July 1, 2030. The Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to support this measure on March 22, 2022.

Bill Miranda  
Councilmember

The film tax credit program has played a significant role in incentivizing and retaining film and television production companies in California and specifically here in the City of Santa Clarita (City).

Cameron Smyth  
Councilmember

At the local level, the City has approved 191 tax credit approved featured films and television shows since the implementation of the film tax credit program. Additionally, nearly 22 different tax credit approved feature films and television shows have or are currently based at sound stages in the City. To date, on-location filming from tax credit approved projects has resulted in an estimated \$81,600,000 in economic benefit to the local community.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita strongly supports Senate Bill 485. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding our support on this bill, please feel free to contact Intergovernmental Relations Analyst Masis Hagobian at (661) 286-4057 or [mhagobian@santa-clarita.com](mailto:mhagobian@santa-clarita.com).

Sincerely,

*Thank you*  
*Laurene Weste*

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