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LEGISLATIVE ALERT

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Dear Representatives and Senators:

On behalf of the AFL-CIO, a federation of 65 labor unions representing 15 million workers across the country, I am writing to urge you to cosponsor H.R. 10582 and S. 5552, the Motion Picture, Television, and Entertainment Revitalization Act (MPTERA), and pass this legislation before the end of this Congress.

This bipartisan and bicameral bill is a critical piece of supporting good jobs in the United States for one of our greatest exports: film and television. For years, these productions have moved increasingly overseas. This bill would provide federal incentives to reverse that trend and produce films and television shows domestically.

At the AFL-CIO's recent constitutional convention in Minneapolis, we adopted Resolution 28: *Federal Film/TV Production Incentive - More Jobs for Union Workers in America*. This resolution laid out the Federation's support for precisely the kind of legislation now before you. It called for federal initiatives that provide:

- A federal tax credit based on wages paid for U.S. labor to ensure incentives employ American workers.
- Additional incentives to encourage industry production in rural, economically distressed, or disaster-affected areas.
- Stackable incentives with state-level programs to immediately supercharge the local business climates in all 50 states.

The MPTERA features all of these elements.

Resolution 28, supporting federal incentives for domestic film and television production, passed unanimously – meaning all 65 affiliated labor unions, our state federations of labor and central labor councils, and other constituency organizations rose in support of this policy. In other words, from coast to coast, all of labor supports this effort to restore family-supporting jobs to the United States and bolster local communities with the economic activity that these productions generate.

This is an urgent matter. Just since 2022, the United States' share of global film and television production dropped by 14%. That represents tens of thousands of jobs lost. It represents foregone

hours and wages that help this vital industry's highly skilled workers make ends meet. This outsourcing trend needs to be stemmed and reversed now. There is no reason to wait.

Please cosponsor and pass the Motion Picture, Television, and Entertainment Revitalization Act before the 119th Congress adjourns. Thank you in advance for your support for workers and communities across the country.

Sincerely,



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