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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
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Via Electronic Mail: Leg.Unit@gov.ca.gov

RE: AB 2319, REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the 52,000 entertainment industry workers represented by the California IATSE Council (CIC), I write today to express our strong support for Assembly Bill 2319, the legislation to create a standalone post-production tax incentive complementing the California Film and Television Tax Credit Program 4.0. The legislature has passed AB 2319 in a series of overwhelming and bipartisan votes, and the bill has been sent to your desk. The CIC respectfully asks you to sign it into law.

We are grateful for your consistent leadership on behalf of middle-class Californians reeling from turmoil in the motion picture and television industry. Without you as our steadfast champion, entertainment industry workers would not have achieved the expansion and protection of California's crucial incentive program. Although our members continue to grapple with a crisis of under-employment, the situation would be much more dire absent 4.0.

We recognize that there will always and inevitably be some projects that, for whatever reasons, opt to shoot outside of the state. In such instances, it is important for our industry and our members that such projects return to California for post-production. Work on productions filmed elsewhere in the U.S. or around the globe has historically sustained thousands of good, middle-class post-production jobs in California, many of them jobs held



by IATSE members. Without a standalone post-production tax incentive program, much of that work now goes elsewhere. AB 2319 could help bring such work home to hardworking California craftspeople.

It is for this reason that the legislature passed AB 2319, creating a post-production tax incentive analogous to those offered by other jurisdictions. Drawing upon dedicated funding, AB 2319 complements 4.0, helping to safeguard the industry's overall health in the historic home of the entertainment industry. The CIC advocated for AB 2319 in the legislature, and we urge you to sign it into law, so that it can begin putting our members working in post-production back to work.

Sincerely,

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CC: Nick Schultz, Assemblymember District 44, California State Assembly

Scott M. George, National Executive Director, Motion Picture Editors Guild