



The Honorable Gavin Newsom by Electronic Mail
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1021 O Street, Suite 9000
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RE: Requesting Enactment of Assembly Bill 2319

Dear Governor Newsom:

Movies and television shows are made in post-production.

In pre-production, the shopping list is made.

In production, the best ingredients possible are acquired.

It is not until post-production that a story takes its true shape - narratively, visually, and audibly.

Post-production IS Hollywood. Post-production IS California. This is where it all started, and we need your help to keep it here and to preserve the magnificence of the California dream.

The Hollywood sign leads just about every California state tourism commercial across the country. Hollywood remains a beacon of inspiration for film and television production worldwide.

I write to you today as the president of the Motion Picture Sound Editors (MPSE), the premier organization for sound editing professionals in the world. On behalf of all post-production professionals, we ask for your signature on Assembly Bill 2319, legislation that will retain and attract post-production work to California, enabling our state to compete with jurisdictions elsewhere.

The California Film and Television Tax Credit Program 4.0 has helped stimulate in-state *production*, but increasingly, those productions are leaving the state to take advantage of post-production incentives elsewhere. That is why the legislature voted to create a standalone post-production tax credit analogous to those well-established in competitor states and countries. We respectfully urge you to sign AB 2319 into law so it can begin to stem the bleeding of post-production jobs. This action is essential to strengthen California's leadership in entertainment, compete in the global post-production marketplace, and help preserve high-quality jobs that contribute to California's economic strength.

Sincerely,

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