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**Via Email Only**

May 30, 2018

The Honorable Ben Allen  
Capitol Office  
State Capitol, Room 5072  
Sacramento, CA 95814

VIA EMAIL: [Harrison.Kaplan@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Harrison.Kaplan@sen.ca.gov)

Re: Support for SB 951 – Income taxes: credits: motion pictures.

Dear Senator Allen:

The Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce writes to you in support of SB 951, the California Film and Television Production Act.

SB 951 creates and retains good jobs by extending the current sunset of the film production tax credit program from June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2025 and makes improvements to the current program.

California's film industry is a more than \$5 billion a year industry and provides thousands of quality jobs for our state. The \$330 million/year tax credit will go far to ensuring California remains an inviting place for the motion picture and television industry and associated economic activity.

SB 951 retains important aspects of the prior bill, AB 1839, including awarding tax credits according to the number of jobs created and other economic factors, ensuring that similar productions compete against each other, and as a new element, creates a pilot program for training Californians from under-served communities for careers in the motion picture and television industry.

Because of the complexity of motion picture and television production, decisions regarding shoot locations are made often a year or more in advance. Therefore, the time to act is now. We urge you to support SB 951.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Todd Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Todd Johnson  
President and CEO  
Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce

CC: The Honorable Richard Bloom, California State Assembly