



## MA Senate Budget Update

As you may have heard, all Senate budget amendments relating to the Film & TV Incentive were withdrawn yesterday which means the Senate budget will go into conference committee with the House with the language that limits the incentive and makes it uncompetitive. This is obviously not what we wanted.

Make no mistake, it is no small feat securing 17 co-sponsors to an amendment that conflicted directly with the budget released from the Ways & Means committee. Because of our collective advocacy efforts and all the work each of you have done these last few months, many more senators understand the value and importance of the industry, how the incentive program sustains it, and your jobs than ever before.

*We may have lost this battle but not the war.*

In fact, because of the scope of your advocacy efforts in the last few weeks and continued pressure on Senate members, we are in a good position going into the conference committee and as close as we ever have been to removing the expiration of the program and making it permanent.

### **ROUND 4: Conference Committee**

In the next five weeks, members of the House and Senate conference committee will convene to reconcile each of their budgets into one budget. As you remember, several weeks ago the House voted 160-0 to make the program permanent with no changes. We need to keep the pressure on the Senate during the conference committee period to remind them that jobs and livelihoods are at stake and to give our House supporters the leverage to come out of the conference committee with what we need. You will hear about those plans in the days and weeks ahead.

We had a great turnout at the rally on Tuesday. Thank you to the hundreds of Union members who attended. It was remarkable to see your advocacy at work. We know you are prepared to continue that work until we are successful.

**Teamsters Local 25**

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