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Senator Daily, Representative Staples and committee members thank you for hearing my testimony in opposition to bill 933.

My name is Rachel Vincent. I work for CORT Furniture Rental in Cromwell with offices in Orange and Stamford. I live in Hamden CT.

I am here to speak out in support of the tax credit program for film and digital media in CT. The tax credit has brought CORT rental business for furniture for production offices, sets as well as housing for actors, directors and production staff.

Since the tax credit was implemented CORT has realized revenue in the amount of \$71,000.00. This revenue certainly supports the 42 employees we have here in CT and is an important aspect of our business. At a time when all businesses are assessing their sustainability due to the economic downturn this credit is an important element in helping to maintain revenue streams and jobs.

Without this tax credit, I feel that this revenue stream, realized by my company as well as many other local business, would show an immediate and complete decline.

I ask you to strongly consider supporting the current program as an effective economic stimulator as well as a method of maintaining and creating jobs within the State of Connecticut.

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