

# First City Film Festival

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To the Chair & Members of the Senate Commerce Committee,

I am writing in support of SB91. Kansas has a long history in the film industry whether considering actors, settings or film plots. Kansas has a wide variety of settings and potential film locations, with more attractive costs, industry laws and other considerations. We even have a burgeoning film culture of our own, which is why I founded the First City Film Festival.

There are a number of film festivals in and around Kansas, including the Tallgrass Film festival in Wichita, the Kansas International Film Festival in Overland Park, the Free State Film Festival in Lawrence, the Wild & Scenic Film Festival in Lawrence and, the Kansas Silent Film Festival in Topeka. The First City Film festival is held annually in Leavenworth KS and has categories that include international and locally produced films. We have had participants from all over the world, throughout the country and many from right here in the heartland.

With this type of history, interest and potential, credits, even at the modest amounts in this bill, can help make a difference. Maybe not for mega film companies, but it can help the smaller filmmakers who often put so much of their own time and money into these films.

I realize there are many considerations when looking at credits. This is one I highly support.

Thank you.

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