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Maryland Governor Visits House of Cards in Harford County

Governor Martin O'Malley touted job creation, tax credits related to film industry.
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Gov. Martin O'Malley (D-MD) was on the set of *House of Cards* in Joppa Tuesday publicizing the benefits of a recently passed film tax credit, the results of which included job creation.

House of Cards, the political thriller that was the [first series produced by Netflix](#), filmed its opening season in Harford County last year. It provided 2,200 jobs for Marylanders and brought in more than \$140 million for the state, O'Malley said in [a prepared statement](#).

Recent legislation provided a key role in the return of the series to Harford County in 2013, O'Malley said.

"The passage of legislation to enhance and extend the [Film Production Activity Tax Credit](#) in the recently completed session of the General Assembly secured the second season of *House of Cards* for Maryland," according to a statement from O'Malley's office.

The Film Production Activity Tax Credit, which passed through the General Assembly in 2013, allows production companies to receive up to \$25 million in tax credits for spending at least \$500,000 in Maryland, according to the [L.A. Business Journal](#).

"We're grateful to Governor O'Malley and the State Legislature for encouraging film and TV production in Maryland," Beau Willimon, the developer of *House of Cards*, said in a prepared statement.

"The state's vendors, crews, diverse locations and government support make it an ideal place to film," Willimon said.

Harford County has felt the positive effects, according to Jim Richardson, director of [Harford County Office of Economic Development](#).

Food purchases, supplies and labor contributed positively to the local economy, Richardson said.

"One of the major benefits has been the extras that have been in the show," Richardson said. "I have run into so many people that enjoyed that experience and have seen them on TV in the production."

In fact, extras are invited to a casting call on Saturday, May 18, in Bel Air.

Filming for *House of Cards* will continue until October, according to Takirra Winfield, spokeswoman for O'Malley.

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I would love to see the documentation as to the creation of 2200 jobs....While I agree that the movie industry is good business, the constantly inflated jobs numbers sucks the wind out of the sails of politicians!!!

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as a matter of fact, the number stated last night on WBAL news was 6000!!!

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Film Productions are also exempt from the 6% sales tax.

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O'Malley is linking himself with the "Hollywierdo" bunch. Hmmm, do ya' think it is for future monetary political gain? What other reason would it be? Tax breaks to the rich while the citizens of Maryland struggle to meet the 38 tax increases O'Malley has enacted since he took over the Governor's mansion. Not to mention driving businesses and people out of Maryland because of his insane thirst for taxing the crap out of us!!!

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Businesses and people aren't being "driven out" That's a myth. We are still gaining population year after year.

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More and more small businesses are closing and many big businesses have already moved out of Maryland. The reason? TAXES. Beretta Arms is going to move out of Maryland if the gun ban is upheld.....adding 400 people to the unemployment roles. Two other small arms makers are closing their doors, adding more to the unemployment roles. The only increase in population that is noticeable are the illegal aliens. Something is definitely wrong in Annapolis and it starts with O'Malley!

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Is 'Myth' Spanish for 'Welcome'?

Baltimore Sun:

"Buoyed by a growing Hispanic population and the availability of steady federal jobs, Maryland grew by 9 percent in the last decade — faster than most Eastern states, according to new Census Bureau data.

Maryland's population grew by 480,000 residents, to 5,773,552, according to data released Tuesday. With a growth rate slightly lower than the national average, Maryland maintained its ranking as the nation's 19th-most-populous state — and retained its seats in the House of Representatives.

Maryland "is attracting immigrants because its economy is doing a little better than other places," said John Iceland, a sociologist at Pennsylvania State University.

Because new immigrants often choose localities where they have family, he said, "immigration can be self-sustaining as long as there are at least some jobs in the area, which I think is the case in Maryland."

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It figures he would come to Harford County, in Edgewood not Joppa as the article says, and not tell any of Elective Officials in the County he was coming. Not suprising

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The core Democrat Party has abandoned ALL voters across the USA in pursuit of their own, greedy agenda of turning us into a Marxist/Socialist country. Our Constitution and Bill of Rights is being destroyed at a fairly rapid pace, with the efforts of the Democrat Party. Many patriotic friends have finally come to realize this. They that have all changed party affiliation, nearly all to the Republican Party.

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