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**From:** Catherine Banks [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 05, 2015 10:39 AM  
**To:** Office of the Legislative Counsel  
**Subject:** Bill 108, the Financial Measures Act!

to the Law Amendments Committee,

I urge you the members of the Law Amendments Committee to stop the dismantling of the Film Tax credit so vital to our film industry and more importantly the economic health of Nova Scotia. This Tax credit is like a great iceberg—the Government gazes out at the tip—only acknowledging the 24 million we contribute as taxpayers. However we in the creative industries, the small business communities, tourism and rural communities know there exists a much larger benefit to our province that, like the underside of an ice berg, is invisible to the Government but gives a very much larger return than the 24 million we the taxpayer contribute. Keep the film industry alive.

Film making is vital to telling our stories—and after 20 years more of the stories of our diverse communities are getting told. I urge you to research and consider the career of Cory Bowles as prime example. He started out in Trailer Park Boys and has become one of the most important voices for his (and our) community—we can not allow his voice to be forced "down the road" to make films. And Mr Bowles is only one example of the voices we will lose.

Finally on a personal note I am one of the very few people my age who has one child making her career in this province. So many friends watch as every one of their children leave to make their lives in Toronto or the West. In order to keep young people interested in staying here and providing a much needed youth population it is VITAL that we keep industries like the film industry that will attract young people and allow them to make a living and a life here.

Say NO to Bill 108—and YES to our Film Industry and the vital diverse economic life it sustains in Nova Scotia!

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