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To: Office of the Legislative Counsel
Subject: Nova Scotia Film Tax Credit changes

To the Law Amendments Committee and Private & Local Bills Committee:

I am writing as a concerned citizen about the recent, announced changes to the Nova Scotia Film Tax Credit.

I was born and raised in Nova Scotia and left in 1999 to go to Alberta and later, the USA. I returned to Canada in 2005 and one of the key reasons I was able to return home to Nova Scotia was a job, in digital media, that was enabled by the film tax credit. While there is a digital media tax credit in the province, many interactive projects have had digital media connections - they don't happen without a TV or film component. My job would not have existed here - and while I transitioned out of the industry 6 years ago, I wouldn't be here today if it weren't for the film tax credit. My family of two children, and my wife, who moved here from the US and became a Canadian citizen, would have had to leave a long time ago.

I can also attest, as someone who was responsible to creating budgets for film, tv and related interactive projects, that the tax credit is a very small portion of every production's financing scenario - yet it's critical. We never took the tax credit as profit - it was always reinvested into the project - which was spent almost always on labour.

Please reconsider this decision. It's one thing to question and change how something is administered - it's another to cut it off at the knees. I'm aware of the difficult decisions you all face and ask all parties to come together as one to work for Nova Scotians to resolve this and the other pressing issues facing the province, as were well articulated by the Ivany Report.

Sincerely,

- Graham MacDougall, Halifax, Nova Scotia.