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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 05, 2015 11:53 AM  
**To:** Office of the Legislative Counsel  
**Subject:** Law Amendments May 5, 2015

To the Law Amendments Committee:

Please hear my words. Again today, along with many others, I am feeling the need and desire to stand and speak in support of the many vital and creative people and entities in our beloved province.

I am a fifty-nine year old voting citizen. I exercise integrity, dedication and common sense in my life and in my work.

Although my educated adult children have left Nova Scotia, the province they love, in order to secure work in other provinces, I have chosen to remain where I am planted. I am a supporter of local producers of all things, including film. I fervently believe in the benefit of living and giving in this, what many consider to be the last best place.

My recent involvement in the film industry in Nova Scotia has provided me with the greatest challenge and reward I have ever experienced in my 43 years of varied employment - a tremendous gift, as I reside in a rural community where there are very few opportunities for work. I have no incentive to relocate, as might an individual of younger age. As an actor, I could potentially work and continue to contribute well into my old age, given the opportunity. Given a decent chance.

I cannot help but ache for the many, many bright, gifted, open-hearted people who are the creators in this province, and all those with whom they are affiliated. Their livelihoods are at risk, and therefore their families, their communities, and our province as a whole. This feels like a death in the family - the death of a vibrant, cherished and important soul who has helped to nourish and sustain and give hope for the future.

Please, please, think of the decimated tax credit and the changes within this proposed budget in terms of the impact on humans - the living, giving members of the population whom you pledged to represent and to serve. The workers, the families, the neighbourhoods, the businesses, the public that wants and needs and uses all which the creative entities provide to the world with such energy and heart and expertise.

Please reverse the changes to this proposed budget. Please reinstate the Film Tax Credit until further figures can be presented. Please allow creative endeavour to continue, to generate not only the work the but the peripheral benefits to Nova Scotians and to the broader world in doing do. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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