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**From:** Amanda Gallagher <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 05, 2015 12:58 PM  
**To:** Office of the Legislative Counsel  
**Subject:** Bill 108, the Financial Measures Act

Dear Law Amendments Committee,

I write to you today as one person, but also as a representation of a demographic of people that you are trying to attract and maintain within the province of Nova Scotia. I am writing in strong opposition to Bill 108 of the Financial Measures Act.

My name is Amanda Gallagher. I was born and raised in Nova Scotia. I pay taxes in Nova Scotia and I want to continue to work and pay taxes here at home. When I graduated from University in 2007 I, like many other young people in NS, was unable to obtain work in my field. So, I was forced to move. I had lived in Montreal for five years when the pull of my home province was simply too great to ignore. But Nova Scotia's economy was still in a bad state, so I made an educated decision. I researched industries to determine which ones were viable—growing, and the answer came quickly: The Film and Television Industry. It was collaborative, supportive, creative, and (using correct numbers) was doing wonders for our province's economy. I promptly moved back home, got a job to get me by and save some money and enrolled in a Television production program at NSCC. Now, storytelling is my passion. I love what I do, and I'm good at it. I am graduating in a month and just one month ago I was optimistic for my future. I had big plans. I wanted to tell Nova Scotian stories on Nova Scotian soil. I wanted to celebrate my home. When people ask me today what my future holds I can't answer them...I feel deflated, worried, and anxious. I moved here and invested in more education to be a part of vital and growing industry because it doesn't take much to see how integral the film industry is ALL Nova Scotians. Through spinoffs all industries benefit, the industry employs thousands of Nova Scotians and we increase the profile of our beautiful ocean playground.

I am a young 20 something who wants to work here. Who wants to pay taxes here and even with the newest updates on the film tax credit situation the industry will be all but decimated and I will be forced to leave. To call it a

"deal" is an insult. You are poised to lose so many Nova Scotians and so many young people just like me because of this budget. People simply will not be able provide for themselves and their families if this is to move forward. How is this the road to prosperity?

I ask that you reconsider the bill and listen to the people of the film industry and the many politicians, business owners, and members of the public who support us. Let's move forward and continue to do great things for Nova Scotia. Let's continue to build and invest in our home. Please, not only do the right thing here, do the smart thing.

I appreciate you taking the time to consider my letter, and to reconsider a budget that is poised to have a disastrous effect on the province as a whole.

Regards,

Amanda Gallagher