
From: Sarah McCarthy [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2015 1:30 PM
To: Office of the Legislative Counsel
Subject: Film Tax Credit appeal

Dear Law Amendments Committee:

I am writing to you today to plead with you to reconsider the current budget you have tabled, specifically in response to the Film tax credit.

My name is Sarah McCarthy, and I am a professional actor, formerly of Nova Scotia. I started my career in the film industry in 2006 working on a number of films, television productions, commercials, web series, etc first as a production assistant and moving on to almost every other position you could think of on a film crew. I have worked in craft services, as a production coordinator, a production manager, a talent agent and my personal passion is acting. I am so grateful to my home province for providing me with the opportunity to be able to pursue my passion and become who I am today. I feel deeply saddened for the crew there now and those coming after who will not have the same opportunities since the Liberal government is intent on taking them away.

I moved to Toronto in 2012 to further pursue my career goals, with every intention of moving "home" once I acquired more life and career experience, since Nova Scotia doesn't have the same kinds of opportunities. The way things are going, I have little hope that Nova Scotia ever will. I have returned 9 times in 3 years for visits, it is not my intention to become a stranger, although I'm not sure I will have the privilege of ever living there again. I will be returning once again next summer to get married. When I met my fiancée, I made it clear that I want to return to NS to build our lives and raise a family. Unfortunately, I cannot see that happening now with the axing of the film tax credit (among other things in this budget, but this is my main concern).

I currently work as a successful actor and marketing professional in Toronto and the only thing that would make me give that up is if I could see a potential thriving life in Nova Scotia. There are so many of us displaced Nova Scotians who would so desperately love to be able to come home, but we need satisfying, well-paying jobs. A call centre is not a reason to come home.

Nova Scotia has found its niche! Fishing is dead, forestry is dead. The film industry is a thriving industry that has so much run-off! Build on that! Help us have the opportunity to come home and STAY there!

Sincerely,

Sarah D. McCarthy
Actor