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Subject: Glenn Lefchak To the Law and Amendments Committee

To those involved in the Law and Amendments Committee-

PLEASE HELPI!!!! PLEASE HELPI!!!!

Give us one year to do a comprehensive financial review of the financial impacts of this industry on the "local" economy before you kill a thriving industry here in Nova Scotia. ONE YEAR TO REVIEW!

That said,

I am writing in reference to the NS film Tax Credit cut. The Liberal government ran on a platform of protecting the Film Tax Credit in our province. Mr. McNeil and Ms. Walen BOTH spoke eloquently on the BENEFITS of this amazing tax credit in 2013.. They used words to gain their Liberal office in our province. We believed them when they said they were going to help our industry to grow due to the AMAZING benefits it brings to our entire province. We voted for you based on the words that they spoke to us when they met with us....and through the media. I am sure you have seen their own words coming back to haunt you. THEY promised not to make changes to the tax credit til at least 2020 and now here we are today. Why?

This Cut has ALREADY had a devastating affect. Every production that comes into our province not only brings in benefits for local actors, crew, production companies, hotels, restaraunts, car rentals, shops, grocery stores and bars, but the productions that air around the world, affect our tourism here in Nova Scotia. From 'Book of Negroes', whose web site tied directly TO NS tourism for people to come visit, to the show Haven that brought in fans from all over the world. These tourists have a wonderful time, spend a lot of money while they are here and tell friends and family when they go back home...to visit Nova Scotia.

In the DAYS since your announcement...the number of productions that have CANCELLED coming to our province completely is staggering. From This Hour has 22 minutes, to Haven, to more than a few films at this point. Please realize the cost this is going to have on the entire Arts and Culture district of this province, not to mention the number of local artisans and business owners that are going to lose out on a tremendous amout of revenue.

You can say that our numbers are wrong, but please meet with members of all the industries affected before you make this decision for us. Please remember, we are not upset that you made these cuts, we are VERY upset that you BROKE A PROMISE NOT TO TOUCH THE TAX CREDIT TIL AFTER 2020.

Please look at what you have done to our industry ALREADY, and know that we don NOT have a lot of time.

Please live up to your campaign promise. Save our industry, it is like watching a family member die.

My wife grew up here. My 2 children 15 and 13 were born and raised here. I make a good part of my living in this industry and am already losing work. I don't know how we will survive, we love Nova Scotia and work endlessly to make a life here with our children, but with these changes in effect, you will render this idea of home....useless....As we will not be able to make our ends meet without this vibrant industry that we HAD.

Do what is right and live up to your word.

Thank you for your time.

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