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**From:** JeffBowes [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Office of the Legislative Counsel  
**Subject:** Law Amendments Committee: Amendments to the Film Tax Credit

Hello,

This is in regards to the proposed amendments put forth in the Financial Measures Act as they affect the Film Tax Credit, a law renewed until 2020 as recently as November 2014.

My name is Jeff Bowes and I am one of the many people affected by this decision who you have been hearing from throughout the day. I have made my career in the film and television industry as data management technician, colourist and associate producer and started that journey over 8 years ago after attending university here in Nova Scotia. It has given me purpose and the ability to have a meaningful career, that unlike many of my peers, kept me in the province I grew up in and would desperately like to stay.

I could go on and on about the way this industry has benefited the province and how the tax credit is an investment in Nova Scotia's current and future. I'm sure you've heard it all before and heard the many well researched points and numbers from my well spoken, passionate and intelligent colleagues. What I would like to focus on is that the industry understands that the tax credit needs to change but it doesn't take an expert to know that this is all happening to quickly, though a slow transition is mentioned in many, if not all the reports advocating a change. The film industry is unlike many others in the mechanics in which it finances it's projects. Meaningful consultation with the people most familiar with it are necessary to make sure the decisions that are made do not cripple the industry unnecessarily. I understand consultations are happening now but it is not leaving enough time to properly work things out. The rush to make the change happen by the July 1st deadline is reckless. I implore you to scrap the July 1st deadline and allow the proper amount of research and discussion to happen before it's too late.

As is, the immediate ushering of Film and Creative Industries Nova Scotia to NSBI has caused chaos. I myself have been able to get no information on what is happening with any of the programs that were once covered by FCINS and are necessary when looking to finance our own indigenous production. It is the rush to change things over so quickly that has left us without answers or support. Why wasn't a reasonable amount of time made available to FCINS to continue to stay active until everything was worked out with how exactly things would be transferred over to NSBI? Due to this immediate change everyone, including NSBI is playing catch up when we should really be gearing up all the projects that were previously lining up to spend money and make projects here. This uncertainty is driving projects away from Nova Scotia in droves, which in turn affects a wide spectrum of people.

Please don't allow the amendments made to the Film Tax Credit and Film and Creative Industries Nova Scotia to go through and insure that the proper amount of time is taken to evaluate, discuss and implement changes that will affect so many and unfortunately already have been. We all want to stay and we all want this province to grow and thrive, afford us the time to do that with you.

Regards,

Jeff Bowes