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To: Office of the Legislative Counsel
Subject: Please listen. And understand.

To whom it may concern,

My fiancé and I are both Set Dressers in the film industry. My fiancé has been for 15 years, and I for 6 years. We make our living doing what we love. The film industry makes us money, and it makes Nova Scotia money. A lot of money! Look into it properly and you'll see quite clearly.

We are having our first child in October. We planned on putting a \$60,000 addition on our home in the North End. And we are planning a wedding. If we can't work in the film industry, we have no choice but to move somewhere we can, in order to afford the above. We refuse to work in a call centre - which leads me to ask, why would you axe an entire industry by taking the \$24 million tax credit, taking away good jobs from 2700 people, but give the Royal BANK \$22 million??! How does this make any sense?

Halifax is losing its culture everyday. Once beautiful buildings are being torn down; stale and so-called modern spaces are popping up in their place; there are so many vacancies on Barrington Street that it's an eye-sore to tourists and an embarrassment to locals; and many once vibrant musical venues have disappeared. When family and friends come to visit from away, there's not much to show them. We might walk the waterfront, do the typical Peggy's Cove visit but usually go out of town to Lunenburg or Chester or to one of the many beaches. The one thing they love to do, is visit the sets of whichever tv series or movie we happen to be working on at the time. And they absolutely love it, because to them, it's a little taste of Hollywood.

The film industry adds so much to Nova Scotia - not only does it contribute a significant amount of money - MUCH, much more than what is offered as a tax credit - but it adds culture, community, stability, appeal, youth, and helps make Nova Scotia "cool" and relevant to the rest of the world. Please don't take this away from a province that should hold onto these things, especially now.

The proposal of offering 25% credit on NS all-spend, will work - so long as there is no cap. It is not an Alberta model because Alberta doesn't have a cap. Film will not survive with a \$10 million cap. I'm sure this has been painfully explained over and over again, but do you understand? You may think this "model" will work. It will not. Nova Scotia will lose ALOT of money in the long run.

Please trust the hardworking individuals who have pleaded with you to listen to them. They are professionals in this field. They see the money coming into the province and being spent in hundreds/thousands of places. They/we are trying to warn you to do what is right and healthy for OUR province. We want it to succeed because we want to live here! Trust us. It will be catastrophic in the not-so-long run if the plan to cap the credit/fund is implemented. It will be detrimental to the Liberal party, and it will be a disaster for the province. So please, don't look directly at the budget's balance sheet.. Lift your heads up and listen to the thousands of people in front of you, trying to warn you of the cliff you're about to jump over.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,
Tania Gauvin and Sean Emmett