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To: Office of the Legislative Counsel
Subject: How bill 108 will affect me.

To whom it may concern,

My name is Shawn Duggan I am a Halifax based actor. I was born and raised here in Halifax.

I have been acting here for 20 years. I came to it a bit late, in my early 30s.

I am not a brilliant actor. I don't get every part I audition for. But I do love it enough and I am good enough and have something unique to offer the community. I work realitively often.

I have had good roles in many feature films, made for T.V. movies, television series and mini series for the CBC, commercials, and innumerable short films by local directors.

Virtually every actor in town has other streams of income. To live on acting alone is nearly impossible although many here could and some will do it if they move to other cities.

For me acting comprises somewhere between 25 - 30 % of my annual income, depending on the year. This is not enough to justify, if the tax credit is cut, selling my house and my wife and our young son moving to

Toronto or Vancouver, cities where we would never be able to own a home. So my acting journey would end here. I will have to find something else to make up that extra percentage of income lost and it would most likely be something soul crushing that I am not interestd in an am only doing for the money.

If the tax credit is not cut, I may never get another good part. I may do bit parts, walk ons and background for the rest of my days here. I may drop dead on set doing background. but without any thing shooting here it removes all **hope** that I'll ever get to do a performace of which I can be proud.

Thank you for your time.

truly,

Shawn Duggan