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Hello, My name is Dylan Edwards

I am a teacher at the 3D Animation program at Da Vinci College, and I develop video game and screen projects at Copernicus Studios, in addition to my own freelance and independent work. I own a house in Halifax where I live with my wife and two of my three children. My oldest is 21 years old, is in his 3rd year at Dalhousie and has his own apartment.

I started my first job in the Screen Industry as an animator on CBC's Poko. Over the past decade I have written scripts, directed films, produced shorts, drawn storyboards, made animation and developed properties. I have worked with several local companies on homegrown projects, and done work for clients from across Canada and around the world.

The NS Government established the NS Film Tax Credit because they saw the value in an information economy, in an industry that uses knowledge and skills as a resource. Previous governments, NDP, Conservative and Liberal have always acknowledged that film and television are an export industry, one that brings revenue into the province, and creates new jobs and opportunities for Nova Scotians, and their policies have worked.

This government promised to maintain the FTC until 2020, and for good reason. It has broken that promise, and abandoned the good reasoning behind it. This budget is driving me away from the province, and driving my oldest son out of the province. This is a stupid decision that harms the future of Nova Scotia.

Please leave the film tax credit in place, and maintain the growth of Nova Scotia's promising information economy.

- Dylan Edwards