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To Gordon Hebb,

I am writing to you today as a 24 year old Nova Scotia resident. I was born in Hull, Quebec. I grew up in Ottawa but I chose Halifax to build my life. Four years ago I began working in the film industry within the costume department. Every year I made more contacts, got more work, made more money, paid more taxes. I considered myself very lucky that I got to excel in this industry while living in lovely Halifax. Just one month ago my partner and I bought a house in the north end. Right off Agricola St. And over night my livelihood in this province is looking grim. My partner also works in this industry. He owns a small production company on it's way to more projects, bringing production to Nova Scotia. His company can no longer operate in NS.

In the end, we will be okay. We're young. It sucks we will have to sell our new house and move to a city where being home owners is not a possibility. But we will be able to work. And we have the ability to start over.

This government has let me down. It is obvious from Diana Whalen's comments on the subject that you Liberals **do not** understand how this business works. We compete on a global level for projects to shoot in NS. Without the competitive tax credit we will be no longer. End of story. New Brunswick cut their tax credit and the industry dried up. They realized it was a mistake and brought it back but productions can't take such risks when the government cannot be reliable.

This brings up a great issue. **The future of Nova Scotia.** This decision to me shows a complete lack of respect or maybe just lack of understanding of the young creative culture we are so lucky to have here. I felt like I was part of a growing and vibrant community with a bright future. This backyard thinking is just going to keep Nova Scotia miles behind the rest of the country. It is a poor mentality with no foresight. No innovation.

A huge number of young people who love Nova Scotia will be forced to give up on a future here. Give up on the future of this province.

This is a colossal mistake on the part of the Liberal party.

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