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Re: Film Tax Cut

I am not writing this letter to you as a member of the film industry, but as a Nova Scotian who has been affected by the film industry 3 fold.

Firstly, as a resident of this beautiful province, I have seen the amazing benefits and contributions to our economy that the film industry has provided us. As a Chester local and small business owner, I have seen the huge impact that it has brought to my hometown and the people who reside here year round, struggling to make a go of it in such a seasonal village.

Secondly, since graduating high school I have seen many of my friends and family leave Nova Scotia for better opportunities. I can't believe that we would jeopardize losing more of our valuable, contributing members of society. Not to mention the talent. Many of them were able to return home because of our booming film industry. They started families, bought houses, paid taxes, and voted Liberal when promises were made that would protect their livelihood.

Lastly, I write to you as a sister. Over the last five years my family and I have been lucky enough to have my sister living in our hometown while working on the production Haven. Since the film tax-cut was made last Thursday, my sister and her partner, who also found his way to Nova Scotia because of Haven and other productions, have lost any work that they had lined up for this year and are now forced to look out of province. This is devastating to them personally and financially. They're just the tip of the iceberg.

I have thought a lot about this over the past week. I have read the articles, the social media, talked to my friends and family, trying to educate myself and understand how this decision has been made without any consultation with the people who best understand the film industry and what benefits it contributes to Nova Scotia. Am I missing something? The answer is no. It is obviously the wrong decision, simple as that. Which makes me question the true motivation behind it.

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Sent from my iPhone