



The Honourable Dwight Duncan
Ontario Minister of Finance and Minister of Revenue
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Dear Minister Duncan,

I'm sure you know by now that the Province of Quebec last week increased its film and television tax credit for special effects production and expanded it to include all production expenditures.

Unfortunately these changes leave the Ontario film and television production sector at a significant competitive disadvantage when it comes to attracting film and television production work to this province and as a result thousands of Ontario residents could face unemployment.

I represent nearly 2,000 of those residents. They are members of the Ontario Council of the Directors Guild of Canada and on their behalf, and the behalf of thousands and thousands of others, I urge the Province of Ontario to match Quebec's changes to the film and television tax credit to maintain, at the very least, a level playing field.

The Ontario government under Premier McGuinty has always been a strong advocate for the film and television industry and has identified it as part of the creative cluster that will form the basis of Ontario's economy in years to come. We are deeply grateful for your support and hope that once again you will see the wisdom of investing in this vibrant and vital sector.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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cc: The Honourable Minister Carroll, Minister of Culture
Kevin Shea, Chair, Ontario Media Development Corporation (OMDC)
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