



January 18, 2016

Honourable Michael de Jong
Minister of Finance

Honourable Shirley Bond
Minister, Jobs, Tourism
+Skills Training

Reference: Industry-Government Working Group on the
Sustainability of BC's Film + Television Industry

Dear Ministers Bond and de Jong,

We are writing to request a meeting with you to discuss the creation of an Industry-Government Working Group focusing on the sustainability of the provincial film and television industry.

We recognize that the government is facing financial pressures and we propose working collaboratively to ensure that our industry continues to contribute to the BC economy by creating jobs and economic opportunity. More specifically, we propose that the joint working group be tasked to gain a better understanding of the tax credit program, its underlying, supportive data, and how tax policy can be optimized to support both government and industry objectives.

Industry is eager to partner with the Province to bring certainty and sustainability to our business environment and, in turn, ensure that our industry remains a strong contributor to British Columbia's diversified economy. Our industry is one of the major drivers of the emerging technology sector - a sector which the Government has identified as one of the engines of its economic diversification goals.

We feel it is important to engage with our government partners to consider effective and efficient modifications that will help sustain and build the industry in the long term. Therefore, we are not proposing a set timeline but rather suggest discussing a mutually agreed framework and desired date for an initial set of findings.

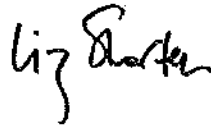
Our objective in asking for this joint Working Group is to ensure that our partnership remains strong and that the industry continues to drive economic value for the citizens and the Province of British Columbia.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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Chair, MPPIA-BC



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Deputy Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training

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