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Honorable Johnny Ellis  
Alaska State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 119  
Juneau, AK 99801

Sear Senator Ellis:

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 23, which continues the successful Alaska Film Production Incentive Program. Since its inception, this program has brought millions of production dollars to Alaska, created hundreds of jobs, and provided a host of opportunities for Alaskan businesses. The continuation of these incentives will help the private sector plan and invest in Alaska's growing film industry.

A wide variety of businesses already have benefitted from this important program. We support Senate Bill 23 because it would extend the film incentive program for 10 years and provide an additional \$100 million in tax credits for the first five years of the extension and \$100 million for the final five years. We believe passage of Senate Bill 23 will encourage this new industry to continuing growing here in Alaska. It will continue to help in developing a strong and diversified economy that will entice our workforce to remain in Alaska instead of looking for jobs elsewhere.

While our company is not now in the film production business, we are pleased to express our support for this bill on behalf of those Alaskan businesses that already have benefitted from this incentive and need the extension of the program in order to continue growing their businesses in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this important incentive for economic development in Alaska.

Yours truly,

James R. Johnsen  
Senior Vice President of Administration

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