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From: Mark Sabel <mark.sabel@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 2:53 PM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject: HB112

Dear Rep. Olson:

I am highly suspicious of government giving subsidies to industry. It may be called a Tax Incentive, but the result may be less money in the State coffers with little return on the investment. Even so, I strongly **DO NOT SUPPORT HB112**.

I have a degree in Economics. There is a tenant in economics call the *Infant Industry Argument*. It states that for an new industry to take root, protectionism or a subsidy may be necessary for a limited period of time. This applies to the new Alaska Film Industry. Let's keep the tax incentives in place for a few years. See if a job creating film industry becomes established. If the industry does, it will provide Alaska with a more diverse economy. If, however, some years from now the Film Tax Incentive is shown to have failed to nurture a new industry that will be able to stand on its own, then look into repealing the incentives.

But for right now, **do not kill the Film Industry before it even has a chance!**

Sincerely,

MARK SABEL
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P.S. Here is a link to a brief Wikipedia article on the *Infant Industry Argument*:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Infant_industry_argument

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From: TBA Theatre <tbasummeracademy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 10:52 AM
To: Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject: Vote no on HB112

March 12th, 2013

Dear Labor and Commerce Committee Members,

I am concerned that HB 112, introduced by Rep Stoltze, threatens to eliminate Alaska's Film Tax Credit Incentive Program. As a local actor, theatre educator and event facilitator I can testify to the benefit that the film incentive program has had on all three of those aspects of Alaska's arts and business communities.

HB 112 is a terrible idea! Please do not allow it to move forward.

Sincerely,

Wayne Mitchell

Education Director

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