

Dear Senators of Alaska,

I thank you immensely for all you have done for our great state & for the film incentive thus far. I understand the seriousness of our state's current fiscal crisis. I can't help but take extreme concern if the film incentive program becomes obsolete, as my career & livelihood will also become obsolete. I have had a freelance styling business in our state since 2010 thanks to the program & all the productions that have come up because of the program have been my entire source of income & means of living. I have spent hours upon hours training a plethora of Alaska Residents who are interested in the film industry. These residents are eager and ready to work, many have recently taken a training class in Whittier that was hosted by IATSE 918 & Relativity Media Training in hopes of working on the film, Hunter Killer.

As someone who has worked on both Big Miracle & Frozen Ground productions, I can tell you first hand the millions of dollars spent locally within the Costume Department budget. The amount of money I have spent in our local economy in regards to shopping for productions makes me so proud. I do my best to shop with local small businesses and I can't tell you the sense of accomplishment and pride local business owners feel when I leave their store with multiple vehicles full of merchandise.

The possibilities of economic and employment growth with a film incentive is endless. My film family and I have invested so much time and education into a wonderful reputation that greatly appeals to production offices around the world. Please, don't kill our industry and our means for living. The incentive and the industry works and has immense potential for even greater growth.

I thank you for your time.

Best,

-Tess Weaver | www.tessiestyle.com