

To  
Representative Bob Herron  
Chair House special Committee on Economic Development  
Trade and Tourism  
State Capitol, 426  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Herron

I am an adjunct instructor of physics live here at Unalakleet and teach online physics class for UAF-NW Campus, Nome. I am writing you because I want to share my thoughts on Alaska's new emerging film industries with you. The film industries should make films about Alaska those shot here in Alaska, not somewhere else. It would promote our Alaskan image around the world. It is good for our local business and tourism industries. As you know many of our jobs depend on the tourism business.

So, I am humbly letting you know I am in favor of **SB63** bill. This bill extent tax incentives for the film industries to make film about Alaska not in BC, Canada or Washington or elsewhere but in Alaska.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Dated: Unalakleet, AK  
02/07/2011

Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Representative Bob Herron  
State Capitol Room 411  
Juneau AK, 99801

RE: Companion House Bill 67 Film Production Tax Credit

Dear Representative Bob Herron:

On behalf of Alaska Crew Training Inc., we want to thank you for sponsoring companion House Bill 67, to Senate Bill 23 that will extend the Alaska Film Production Tax Incentive Program and offer our support.

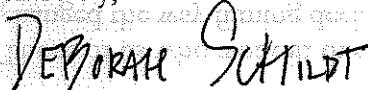
Since its inception in 2008, Alaska's Film Production Tax Incentive program has created jobs and economic opportunities for Alaskans and for Alaskan businesses small and large. Our training program, Alaska Crew Training Inc. exists *because* of these incentives. In addition to building Alaska's labor force, film and television projects offer invaluable marketing and promotion for Alaska tourism, products and businesses. Continuing this program offers a clear signal to the multi-billion dollar film and television industry that Alaska understands the value of this industry and welcomes productions into our state.

Those of us who work in this industry today know first hand that financial incentives have changed the way filming decisions are made. Across the U.S. forty-five states have incentive programs in place. This demonstrates an understanding by those states of the economic benefits this industry offers. Internationally Alaska faces aggressive and long established film incentives from provincial and federal governments in Canada and around the globe. To stay competitive in this global marketplace Alaska needs to send a clear message.

We support the extension of the Alaska Film Production Tax Incentive program for ten years with \$100 million available in incentives during the first five years and \$100 million in incentives for the final five years. We hope that House Bill 67 will help continue the successful economic diversification and development that our current Incentive Program has already shown while providing Alaska businesses opportunities to properly plan for and capitalize on Alaska's newest multi-million dollar industry. Thank you for promoting and keeping Alaska in the movie business!

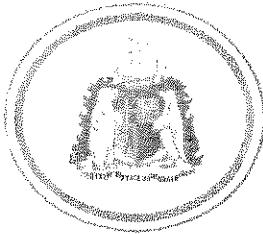
For all of these reasons, Alaska Crew Training, Inc. fully supports House Bill 67 and thanks the Alaska State Legislature for working towards a more prosperous Alaska.

Sincerely,



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February 9, 2011

Senator Johnny Ellis  
Chair Senate Rules Committee  
State Capitol, 119  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: Senate Bill 23 Film Production Tax Credit

Dear Senator Ellis:

On behalf of The Hotel Captain Cook, I would like to offer our support for Senate Bill 23, the extension of the Alaska Film Production Tax Incentive Program. Since its inception in 2008 the Film Production Tax incentive program has created jobs for Alaskan and economic opportunities for Alaska businesses small and large. Film and television projects offer invaluable marketing and promotion for Alaska tourism, products and businesses. Continuing and extending this program offers a clear signal to the multi-billion dollar film and television industry that Alaska is open for business.

The fact is financial incentives have changed the way filming decisions are made. Alaska faces aggressive and long established film incentives from provincial and federal governments in Canada. 45 other states currently have a program of some type, as they understand the economic benefits that this industry can bring to our businesses and communities.

We support the extension of the Alaska Film Production Tax Incentive program for ten years with \$100 million available in incentives during the first five years and \$100 million in incentives for the final five years. Senate Bill 23 will continue the economic diversification and economic development success of the film tax incentives while also providing a clear signal that offers Alaska businesses the opportunity to better plan for and capitalize on Alaska's newest multi-million dollar industry.

For all of these reasons, The Hotel Captain Cook fully supports the Film Credit Tax Credit Bill and thanks the Alaska State Legislature for working towards a more prosperous Alaska.

Sincerely,

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Chairman and C.E.O.

Distributed by Senator Johnny Ellis