



April 4, 2011

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

Re: SB 23 - Film Incentive Credits

Dear Senator Ellis:

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 23 which extends Alaska's film incentive credit program. Few programs have proven to be so immediately effective and beneficial to our economy.

Several ASRC shareholders, including my son, and other Alaska Natives were hired to work and participate in the recent filming of the movie "Everybody Loves Whales". Likewise, many other Alaskan businesses and individuals shared in the economic prosperity brought to Alaska from Hollywood. We spent nearly two months on set, and it was rewarding to see so many Alaskans at work on the set as cast and crew members, including as service providers to the cast and crew.

I recognize the importance of the oil and gas industry to Alaska's economy. Further, I recognize the importance of a diverse economy, and I trust the legislature will also recognize the many and obvious benefits of this program. It is important to pass Senate Bill 23 this session.

I applaud your leadership on this issue and add my support to this important matter.

Sincerely,
ARCTIC SLOPE REGIONAL CORPORATION


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