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February 11, 2011

Representative Bob Herron
Representative Chris Tuck
Senator Johnny Ellis
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: HB 67/SB 23-Extension of Alaska Film Production Tax Incentive Program

Dear Representatives and Senator,

NMS whole-heartedly supports House Bill 67 and 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 Alaskans through economic opportunities for small and large Alaska businesses. 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.

For NMS it means an opportunity to expand our businesses in food service, hotel management and remote camp service. We see a growing film industry in Alaska as beneficial for the state as it will help create diversified business opportunities.

The fact is, financial incentives have changed the way filming decisions are made. Alaska faces aggressive, long-established film incentives from Canada. Forty-five other states currently have a program of some type. Those states understand the economic benefits that this industry can bring to businesses and communities. We need to do the same.

We support the extension of the Alaska Film Production Tax Incentive Program. House Bill 67 and Senate Bill 23 provide a clear signal that Alaska is open and ready for business when it comes to film and television industry.

For all of these reasons, NMS fully supports the Alaska Film Production Incentive Tax Program and thanks the Alaska State Legislature for working towards a more prosperous Alaska.

Sincerely,

M. P. Quinn
President