

# Tele-Cine Productions

HD to 4K DIGITAL CINEMA Norwich, CT.

My name is Brian Kobylarz. I'm the owner of Tele-Cine Productions based in Norwich. I have been continuously employed by the film production industry in Connecticut for over thirty years and am currently seated as Secretary of the Connecticut East Regional Film Commission.

As far as my own business, I work on a larger number of productions that individually do not meet the minimum dollar level required to qualify for tax credits. Never-the-less, I cannot stress enough the importance of keeping this program intact.

Southeastern Connecticut has yet to benefit from the film industry tax credits experienced in other portions of the state. There simply has not been enough time for the program to mature and supporting assets to be put in place.

When the tax credit program was first considered, I testified in support of the bill - suggesting that by keeping the entry level at 50K to qualify, we would encourage more independent producers to look at Connecticut.

Last year, I watched as House Bill 5843 - designed to strengthen the current legislation, received favorable committee recommendations and remained on the GO list until it died on the floor without a vote at the end of the session.

The film production tax credit is but a newborn in this state. It has created a buzz in the industry that Connecticut is a good place to work. How many other market segments can say that today?

We need to do more, not less. It makes sense for this legislature to strengthen our economy rather than weaken it's potential to succeed.

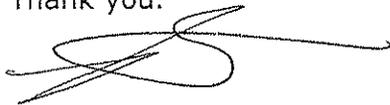
Do not arbitrarily "cap" the program - otherwise the "cap" will become a "handicap" - not only for this industry, but for all of Connecticut.

Build on the initial work accomplished by Chuck Miller and the Office of Workforce Competitiveness. Create a permanent film industry program within the State technical school system that stresses the hands on knowledge necessary to work in this field. Perhaps a mechanism can be developed to cycle tax credits back into education.

Establish a task force that will re-examine House Bill 5843 and poll the industry for other ideas that will strengthen this program for this state.

When we emerge from this economic crisis - we need to be in a position to capitalize on our assets. That Connecticut can be a leader in economic development. This industry has the talent to bring that message to the world - if that is in fact the message we can tell.

Thank you.



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