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RE: Testimony in opposition to portions of S.B. 933 which limit Connecticut's
film and digital media tax credit program

Senator Daily, Representative Staples and members of the Finance Committee:

My name is Timothy J. Floyd and I am here to testify in opposition to the provisions of S.B. 933 which limit and restrict the existing provisions of Connecticut's film and digital media tax credit program.

Please bear with me as I restate an obvious but very important conclusion. But for Connecticut's attractive tax credit program, there is no doubt that the media production expenditures made in Connecticut in recent years would have gone to other states.

I'm sure that you will hear testimony today from others about the substantial benefit to Connecticut's economy which is directly attributable to the media production industry's favorable response to our tax credit program.

But I would like to bring to your attention the experience my own firm has had in recent years regarding Connecticut's tax credit program.

Our firm has been offering legal services in Hartford for more than 25 years.

In addition to the attorneys in our firm, we employ a staff of eight (8) full time support employees.

During the last two years our firm has received professional fees of approximately \$200,000 from our legal services relating directly to Connecticut's film and digital media tax credit program.

These fees were very meaningful to our firm and its employees.

I feel certain that the benefit our firm has enjoyed as a result of the tax credit program has been shared by hundreds of other Connecticut business, both large and small.

I urge you to preserve and protect the jobs and economic benefit arising from Connecticut's budding film and digital media industry.

The effort to cut back on the tax credit program could not come at a worse possible time.

Our leaders in Washington are struggling mightily to come up with a stimulus plan that works.

However, Connecticut has its own stimulus plan in the form of our film and media tax credit program.

It is a program that works.

The production expenditures giving rise to the tax credits have a lasting and positive ripple effect throughout the Connecticut economy.

It may be difficult (if not impossible) to accurately quantify all of the benefits realized by Connecticut residents as a result of the program.

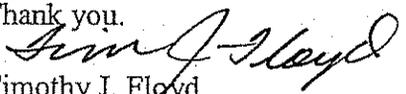
But the program works.

And if you restrict or repeal the tax credit program, it will be just as difficult to quantify the damage such action causes.

But the loss of Connecticut jobs will likewise have a lasting and negative ripple effect throughout the Connecticut economy.

I urge you to preserve the existing film and digital media tax credit program and protect the jobs it supports for Connecticut residents.

Thank you.


Timothy J. Floyd