



February 21, 2013

The Honorable Robert Duff  
The Honorable Lonnie Reed  
Energy and Technology Committee  
Room 3900, Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Sen. Duff & Rep. Reed:

On behalf of the Connecticut Film Center, I am writing to urge your committee to approve HB 6402 – An Act Modernizing the State’s Telecommunications Laws. I believe this bill that will allow further investment and growth in our economy.

The Connecticut Film Center is the state’s leading provider of production services and facilities for the motion picture and television industries. CFC’s flagship facilities in Stamford and Norwalk have served as the epicenter of the recent Connecticut production boom.

A concerted effort by the state to bring production here has put Connecticut on the map for this type of work. Proximity to New York and its pool of talent has also added to the lure of working here. Critical to the success of any production – on any platform – is Connecticut’s strong telecommunications networks. If the state is to continue its as a leader in television and particularly digital media, we need a strong advanced telecommunications infrastructure.

We worry that Connecticut has not kept pace with other states that have updated their telecommunications laws. HR 6402 will allow for development of advanced networks that are critical in today’s film and production industries. We need investment in this technology to secure a stronger foothold in the film industry. HB 6402 will relieve companies from maintaining obsolete technologies and use those resources to provide new products to secure new opportunities for those who use them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Segalla', written in a cursive style.

Kevin Segalla  
President