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**HB 5491 “An Act Concerning the Film Tax Credit”**

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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to voice my support of HB 5491. Since 2008, I have produced and directed six low budget feature films here in Connecticut. My most recent two had budgets exceeding \$400,000 and employed a largely local film crew, many of whom were trained by the CT Film Industry Training Program. Our crews are typically made up of somewhere between 30 to 40 individuals.

One of these films, THE MISSING GIRL, premiered last year at the 40<sup>th</sup> annual Toronto International Film Festival—a highly competitive world stage. Last December, we shot another in Vernon. Needless to say, as the quality and acceptance of my films continues to grow, so do the budgets, and these are funds that I’d much rather spend here in CT than in a neighboring state.

In addition to producing and directing, I also help maintain a couple Facebook industry groups – i.e., CT Film Industry Coalition and Future Filmmakers of Connecticut – each with over 750 members. I find that many of these individuals are younger (in their 20s and 30s). They find the film industry an exciting field to work in, but, unfortunately, many of them are leaving our state to go work elsewhere, e.g., NY, MA. This bill will help keep them here in Connecticut. It makes no sense to train and invest in a skilled labor force and then lose them, which is precisely what happened when the tax credit moratorium went into effect.

I hope you will support this Bill. The new language ensures that these smaller films will be made mainly by CT residents and that will help keep CT's film industry growing. These smaller films serve as incubators for a thriving workforce, a workforce that will attract larger budget, studio-level, film and television projects.

Thank you,

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