



Join Us in Supporting Washington State's Film Industry

I am writing to urge our state senators to support SB 6027 during the 2015 legislative session, a bill that increases funding for Washington's Motion Picture Competitiveness Program.

Motion picture production gives back, providing thousands of jobs and generating millions of dollars in economic activity to the state. And as the digital revolution continues and content creation becomes more prominent, the film industry has truly become the cornerstone of the state's larger creative economy. The Motion Picture Competitiveness Program ensures Washington State remains competitive in the digital environment by retaining film talent, generating tax revenue, and garnering significant investment in creative economy infrastructure.

Here are important facts on Washington's film incentive:

- **Film productions bring a huge economic boost to our communities and create living wage jobs.**
 - Since 2007, motion picture projects approved for funding assistance through Washington Filmworks have brought in an estimated \$96.3 million in direct in-state spending and an estimated \$44 million in direct wages and benefits for Washington residents.
 - Right now, we have to turn business away – last year we lost \$55 million in economic activity because film projects were turned away. This was a huge missed opportunity for our local economy.
 - Not only do film productions quantifiably boost spending, but also the tourism resulting from seeing our state in TV and movies is immeasurable.
- **Our creative economy depends on attracting and keeping the professionals of the film industry.**
 - Washington's most successful corporations including Alaska Airlines, Amazon, Microsoft, Nintendo, Sub Pop and REI all rely on film industry professionals to tell their story and build their business.
 - The incentive program also develops training and education programs to ensure the industry has highly skilled film and television professionals to fuel the film business and the larger creative economy.
- **No dollars are paid out until after projects have invested in Washington State.**
 - The film incentive is a model program for direct investment in our state and incentive dollars only go to productions after they have hired in-state labor and companies.
 - Few other state-funded incentives deliver this level of investment in our communities.

The Motion Picture Competitiveness Program has proven to be a viable and important economic driver for the state. As a constituent in your district, I urge you to support SB 6027 which increases Washington State's Motion Picture Competitiveness Program during the 2015 legislative session.

Sincerely,
Name
Address