

SAMPLE CALL TO ELECTED OFFICIALS IN NYS LEGISLATURE

Senator or Assembly member _____ ;

Hello. My name is (name) and I am calling as a constituent. I work as a (job) and have been a member of IATSE Local 600, the International Cinematographers Guild for (#) years. New York (or Brooklyn, etc.) has been my home—and my family’s home—for (#) years.

I would like the Senator/Assemblymember to know that thanks to the New York State Film Production Tax Credit Program for the last (#) years I have been able to work in this State and go home to my family at night. My union job not only provides a steady income but also strong health and pension benefits that protect my family.

I know what it was like in this state before the Tax Credit program was passed by the Legislature. It is not an exaggeration to say there was little work to be found—production was being done in other states or very often in Canada. I was faced with the choice of leaving my family to work for months on end, taking low paying production work, or finding work in another business. None of those were happy choices. I do not want to go back to those days—I don’t want my family to have to go back to those days.

I hope that the Senator/Assemblymember WILL be a strong voice in support of the film and television tax credit program (will speak to the Senate Majority Leader/Assembly Speaker) and will speak in support of the tax credit when it comes before the Legislature. Please think of me and my family. This program is about my job and the jobs of the many thousands of people who work in this industry.

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Dear Senator or Assembly member _____ ;

My name is (name) and I am writing as one of your constituents. I work as a (job) and have been a member of IATSE Local 600, the International Cinematographers Guild for (#) years. New York (or Brooklyn, etc.) has been my home—and my family’s home—for (#) years.

Thanks to the New York State Film Production Tax Credit Program, for the last (#) years I have been able to work in this State and go home to my family at night. My union job not only provides a steady income but also strong health and pension benefits that protect my family.

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I hope that when the renewal of the film and television tax credit program comes before the Legislature you will think of me and my family. This program is about my job and the jobs of the many thousands of people who work in this industry.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Name