

**CHAMBERS**  
NORTHUMBERLAND



October 08, 2021

**Attention:** Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade  
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
David Piccini, MPP Northumberland Peterborough South

**Re:** South Eastern Ontario Production Accelerator Fund (SEOPAF)

Dear Ministers Fedeli and Bethlenfalvy and MPP Piccini,

Chambers Northumberland is a collaborative partnership between the four Northumberland County Chambers of Commerce. While the Brighton-Cramahe, Northumberland Central, Port Hope & District and Trent Hills Chambers of Commerce each have their own geographic jurisdictions and operate as independent entities, Chambers Northumberland is a symbiotic partnership that facilitates broader reach and a unified voice of business on matters impacting our business community at large. Working as closely as we do with our business communities, we know first-hand the positive impact that the film industry can have on the local economy. As our businesses deal with a vastly different reality coming out of the pandemic, we are supportive of any initiative that has the potential to support them in these challenging times, particularly one as well thought out and carefully considered as the proposed South Eastern Ontario Production Accelerator Fund (SEOPAF).

We look to the success of the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation's Film & Television Stream, specifically the NOHFC's goal to actively encourage vendors to establish businesses in Northern Ontario to serve the industry. While distanced geographically, the economic development challenges faced by South Eastern Ontario have historically been similar to those of Northern Ontario, and in the past the two regions have benefited from similar economic support programs. We firmly believe that the SEOPAF proposal has great potential for the regional economy, and we would encourage its inclusion in the next Ontario budget.

On behalf of Chambers Northumberland,

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