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Dear Ministers,

I am writing today to lend support to the application for the establishment and implementation of the South Eastern Ontario Production Accelerator Fund.

As you know, Ontario has experienced tremendous growth in film production over the past five years, and the successful growth of production infrastructure in northern Ontario has shown other regions of Ontario that there are opportunities to expand Ontario's capacity beyond the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area. With investment funds from government, South Eastern Ontario could begin to incentivize production companies and studios to look to some of Ontario's mid-size cities and surrounding areas as alternatives to similar types of locations in the US and other countries.

The Directors Guild of Canada Ontario (DGC Ontario) is a provincial labour organization representing more than 2900 key creative and operational specialists working in the screen-based industries, representing Directors, Assistant Directors, Production Designers and Art Directors, Production Managers, Location Managers, Production Accountants, Picture and Sound Editors, and all of their departmental assistants.

DGC Ontario has been successfully servicing production in the GTHA, northern Ontario and Ottawa, and has been building our regional Membership consistently over the past several years, and we take our mandate to bargain for and represent film and television workers in all areas of Ontario very seriously. We look forward to expanding our relationship with the SEOPAF Working Group, and look forward to supporting new Members in South Eastern Ontario through our provision of a strong collective agreement, related benefits, and extensive training programs.

Sincerely,

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Associate Executive Director

