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April 3, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1
Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Subject: Support for the establishment of a South Eastern Ontario Production Accelerator Fund (SEOPAF) via the Eastern Ontario Development Fund (EODF)

Dear Premier Ford:

On behalf of the Council of the County of Renfrew, I would like to offer our support for the establishment of a South Eastern Ontario Production Accelerator Fund (SEOPAF) through the existing Eastern Ontario Development Fund (EODF).

The implementation of a dedicated funding stream to support the film and television sector in South Eastern Ontario would not only help to accelerate regional sector capacity and job growth, but also solidify the Government's support for this vital and growing industry.

The SEOPAF initiative presents a clear path for economic growth in Eastern Ontario by helping to amplify opportunities, build regional capacity and create job diversity. This initiative is mirrored after the successful screen-based fund implemented in Northern Ontario almost two decades ago, creating a sustainable \$100M+ year-over-year industry with an impressive 5:1 return on investment. We are confident that South Eastern Ontario can match or exceed that return.

There is great potential for the film and television industry in South Eastern Ontario and investment in the South Eastern Ontario Production Accelerator Fund can positively impact the region's economy.

Sincerely,

Peter Emon, Warden

Warden@countyofrenfrew.on.ca

c: Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, minister.fin@ontario.ca
Honourable Vic Fideli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade, MEDJCT.Minister@ontario.ca
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Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy
Frost Bldg S, 7th Floor
7 Queen's Park Crescent
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y7
Via email: minister.fin@ontario.ca

Subject: Support for the establishment of a South Eastern Ontario Production Accelerator Fund (SEOPAF) via the Eastern Ontario Development Fund (EODF)

Dear Minister Bethlenfalvy:

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Honourable Victor Fedeli
Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade
College Park 18th Floor
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Toronto, ON M7A 1S5
Via email: MEDJCT.Minister@ontario.ca

Subject: Support for the establishment of a South Eastern Ontario Production Accelerator Fund (SEOPAF) via the Eastern Ontario Development Fund (EODF)

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