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RE: Southeastern Ontario Production Accelerator Fund (SEOPAF)

Dear Minister Fedeli and Minister Bethlenfalvy,

The Municipality of Port Hope supports the establishment of the Southeastern Ontario Production Accelerator Fund (SEOPAF).

The Province's implementation of SEOPAF will accelerate regional sector capacity, job growth and new revenue.

In creating a new film stream fund within an existing regional fund like the Eastern Ontario Development Fund, the Province builds on an existing successful model.

Demonstration of a positive regional impact, of a screen-based fund, is in the northern Ontario where a stackable incentive was established nearly two decades ago. That northern film stream created an annual \$100 million sustainable industry with an impressive 5:1 return on investment.

Port Hope's Marketing & Tourism department supports the SEOPAF as an initiative to bring much needed economic growth to eastern Ontario. The SEOPAF will amplify opportunities, build regional capacity, create job diversity and training.

The SEOPAF effectively connects many individual municipal initiatives to promote filming.

Please give the SEOPAF- - full consideration for implementation in upcoming budget deliberations.

Sincerely,

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