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Senator Phil Berger
NC Senate
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Representative Tom Tillis
NC House of Representatives
16 W. Jones Street
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Dear Governor McCrory, Senator Berger and Representative Tillis:

Thank you for this opportunity to convey to you our sincere concern and urgent request pertaining to an important economic industry in North Carolina.

For over three decades, our region has served as a hub for film in North Carolina and the United States. This clean and innovative industry and the numerous video, television and film productions it generates bring great notoriety and revenue to both our region and state. However, lack of action by the General Assembly to sustain a strong incentive program puts in jeopardy this existing industry, state and local economies, associated investments, infrastructure, tourism, and many varied direct and indirect jobs.

Considering the devastating potential impacts to our region and state if this important economic driver is lost, the undersigned elected leaders of New Hanover County and the City of Wilmington implore you to call a special session of the General Assembly to reconsider film incentives that will better serve North Carolina in remaining marketable and competitive and thereby support and sustain this vibrant and existing industry in North Carolina.

Your expedient attention to this matter is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Chairman Woody White

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