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## FOR PUBLIC ADVOCATE

February 9, 2009

Governor David A. Paterson  
State Capitol  
Albany, NY 12224

**Re: Empire State Tax Credit Program  
for Film and Television Production**

Dear Governor Paterson:

On behalf of the great men and women of the film and television industry, I have attached the petitions from nearly 1,700 New Yorkers, asking for your support in funding the Empire State Tax Credit Program for film and television production in New York.

It is essential that you realize the importance of this valuable program. For the past few years, this successful program has helped create thousands of new jobs throughout our state. Without this funding, it could devastate New York's growing film and television industry.

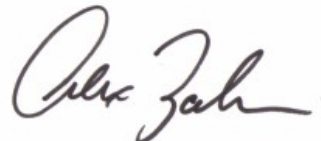
The electronic signatures attached to this letter speak for themselves – the residents of New York State demand action! This program is proven to turn a profit for the tax payers and at a time of great economic turmoil, we need to embrace programs such as this.

From directors to producers, editors to cameramen, union members and non-union members, they are pleading for your support. Already, the LA Times is reporting that “NBC Universal Chief Executive Jeff Zucker said he didn't expect the studios to do any filming in New York this year unless the tax incentive program received new funding”. [N.Y. tax-credit program that lured film and TV shoots runs out of funds - Los Angeles Times, February 6, 2009]

**You must fund this important program!**

New York City and New York State have become “Hollywood of the East”. We are finally a player in the international film industry. Please, Governor Paterson, fund the incentive program that creates thousands of jobs right here in New York State. Real jobs depend on it!

Sincerely,



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Candidate  
NYC Public Advocate

CC: Speaker of the Assembly/Assemblyman Sheldon Silver  
Senate Majority Leader Malcolm A. Smith