

Today I heard the news that the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit program is going to be scrapped. As someone who has just graduated from the University of Regina film program (and is struggling trying to find work already in my chosen industry) I am extremely frustrated and saddened by the news.

Since graduating the UofR, I have been fortunate enough to have worked on InSecurity, 13 Eerie and Rufus. These have been great opportunities for me to learn, grow, and make connections with other industry professionals in the province. Through them I will be able to get more jobs and have more chances for success. By shutting down the Sask Tax Credit, these chances for me to move and grow in my home province will be effectively eliminated.

Many would tell me to simply move on to another province and forget about working here. I shouldn't have to leave a place I love simply to do something I love. Now, my only option will be to give up my home or my career, and that's a choice I don't think I can make, especially because my whole family is here in Saskatchewan.

Many good things have come from this province, and the people I have worked with over the last few months are AMAZING and DEDICATED beyond belief. They work miracles with what little they have been given and this to be their reward? Punishment for living and loving a province that will never rise to the heights it could one day achieve simply because it never is given a chance.

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