

My name is Mike Shields. I work on the post-production side of the film and television industry as a soundtrack composer. I'm heading into my 23<sup>rd</sup> feature film, scored hundreds of hours of television, and I sit on the board of the Alberta Media Producers Industry Association, as well as the national board of the SCGC – the Screen Composer's Guild of Canada.

Through my twenty three years in post-production in film and television, I have come to realize, along with other industry leaders, that the greatest need here in our province is for our own purpose-built sound stage and post facility - where people not only come to town to shoot and go home, but where they can be confident spending their money finishing their project in a similar, or even more comfortable environment than they've historically enjoyed in other jurisdictions.

I'm excited and encouraged by CED's business plan, which creates a model that will be sustainable for the long term - by being flexible embracing the newest technology, supporting our own indigenous producers, and including training and education for future generations.

Calgary Film Studios will play a pivotal role in establishing Calgary and Alberta as leaders in film, television, gaming, new technology and all aspects of the creative industries. It will enhance and support other industries as well - including construction, computer sciences, advanced education, and tourism.

Attracting new projects, companies, and creative professionals to the city and province through the new studios will have a very positive impact - and will bring diversification to our economy, and depth to our culture.

I've worked across the country and I've seen the incredible success that other major cities have had with their facilities of this type, yet Alberta has still won more Oscars, Emmy's, Gemini's and other awards than many of them. Can you imagine what we'll be able to do with a world-class facility? I truly believe, although it's been a long time coming, that Calgary Film Studios will finally allow our great people and talented crews a real chance to compete, and provide an amazing new stage to showcase this dynamic city and province to the rest of the world.

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Hi Jeannie,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in front of the committee yesterday. Attached is a copy of my remarks as requested.

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