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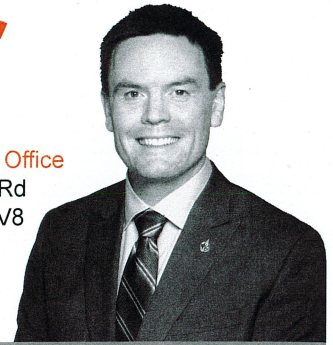
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to be writing this letter in support of the Malahat First Nation and the Malahat Film Studios Project.

I understand that this project stems from intense planning and consultation from First Nations leaders, sustainability experts, and film industry professionals, such as, Nico Dekker, CEO of Cape Town Film Studios who is widely recognized as a world-leading studio manager.

As communities in my riding continue to reel from the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, I am excited for the employment opportunities that the Malahat Film Studios Project would create for the Malahat First Nation and surrounding communities.

Furthermore, the Malahat Film Studios Project will actively seek to honour, include, and employ Indigenous, people of colour, and female creators, to ensure that the creation of Canadian content is reflective of Canadian society and accessible to all Canadians. These communities, who are often marginalized in the film industry, need to be seen and heard, and I am excited that the Malahat Film Studios Project aims to open the door so that more of this content can be enjoyed.

As the Member of Parliament for Cowichan-Malahat-Langford, and in wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, I am deeply aware of the much-needed benefits that this project would bring to the Malahat community, and the Vancouver Island film and tourism industries.

I look forward to seeing the Malahat Film Studios Project move forward and am available for further feedback, as required.

Thank you for your attention to this important project.

Sincerely,

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