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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the Malahat Nation's plan for a film and production studio. This is a creative project proposal that has the potential to deliver major economic benefits to the entire region. The proposed film and production studio will create employment opportunities for members of the Malahat Nation and surrounding communities, build a new economic sector in film making, advance Indigenous reconciliation and promote diverse Canadian content in the film industry.

The Malahat Nation's plan for a film production studio will advance the film industry on Vancouver Island by attracting larger streaming platforms. The studio will also build partnerships with local communities and First Nations. The proposed film studio intends to celebrate, employ and include Indigenous, Black, people of color and female talent. Communities that are often marginalized in the film industry, such as disabled communities, will also be included in the creative spaces of the studio.

I look forward to supporting the advancement of this project, as well as the creation of diverse Canadian content in the film industry.

Many thanks,

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