



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

*Department of Taxation*

October 31, 2016

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Dear Chairmen:

*Virginia Code* § 58.1-439.12:03 requires the Department of Taxation ("the Department"), in consultation with the Virginia Film Office, to publish an annual report by November 1 of each year regarding Motion Picture Production Tax Credits that were claimed during the preceding calendar year. Such report must include information regarding the location of sites used in a production for which a credit was claimed; qualifying expenses for which a credit was claimed, classified by whether the expenses were for goods, services, or compensation paid by the production company; the number of people employed in the Commonwealth with respect to credits claimed; and the total cost to the General Fund. Pursuant to *Va. Code* § 58.1-439.12:03, such information is required to be published even if such information cannot be classified to prevent the identification of particular taxpayers, returns, and items.

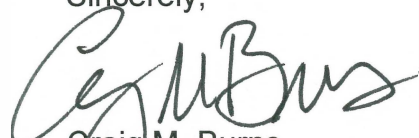
During Calendar Year 2015, taxpayers claimed a total of \$5,083,321 in Motion Picture Production Tax Credits. The Motion Picture Production Tax Credit can be claimed for qualifying expenses, which include goods and services leased or purchased, compensation, and wages. Based upon data from the Virginia Film Office, the motion picture production companies that claimed credits during Calendar Year 2015 incurred a total of \$22,349,983 in qualifying expenses. These qualifying expenses included \$15,890,091 worth of compensation, \$1,836,335 in goods purchased or leased, and \$4,623,557 in services obtained by such motion picture production companies. The chart below shows a breakdown of tax credits claimed during Calendar Year 2015 by the type of expenses and amount of such expenses.

Information Related to Credits Claimed During Calendar Year 2015				
Total Credits Claimed	Total Services	Total Compensation	Total Goods	Total Qualifying Expenses
<b>\$5,083,321</b>	\$4,623,557	\$15,890,091	\$1,836,335	<b>\$22,349,983</b>

Motion picture production companies reported to the Virginia Film Office that they employed 583 individuals with respect to Motion Picture Production Tax Credits claimed during Calendar Year 2015. Of these individuals, 63 percent (369 employees) were Virginia residents. Companies that claimed the Motion Picture Production Tax Credit during Calendar Year 2015 filmed in the city of Petersburg and the counties of Hanover, Henrico, Charles City, and Powhatan.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Tax Commissioner

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c: The Honorable Richard D. Brown, Secretary of Finance  
Mr. Andy Edmunds, Virginia Film Office