



Louisiana Legislature

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The Honorable Bobby Jindal
Governor
P.O. Box 94004
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Dear Governor Jindal,

We are writing to request that you veto House Bill 829 due to the costly unintended circumstances that will occur.

At issue is the \$180 million dollar cap on the redemption of credits. There are several problems. First, it encumbers an asset already earned by the taxpayer and the constitutionality of this could be called into question. Litigating this issue could be in the millions of dollars. More importantly, taxpayers who earn this credit could be waiting for years to be able to claim them. This fact alone could have a chilling effect on film production in Louisiana.

The goal for many of us during this legislative session was to reign in the program and create reforms, but with HB 829 the result is killing the local industry and adding more cost to the state. Also, after a close review of HB 829, a veto would not impact the reforms passed in the other bills.

The film industry has undeniably created jobs along with having a positive direct and indirect impact to our economy. We hope that you will stand with us to allow this industry and its thousands of workers to have a home here in Louisiana.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sen. Jean-Paul Morrell

Rep. Helena Moreno