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## **Representative Keenan Joins Colleagues Votes to Preserve Jobs Through Film Tax Credit**

(BOSTON) – State Representative John D. Keenan (D – Salem) today voted to protect jobs and stimulate economic growth in Massachusetts through the continuation of the film tax credit.

Speaker Robert DeLeo (D – Winthrop) commended the House vote stating, “As many in our state struggle to find work, we must do everything we can to attract job opportunities to our state and grow our economy. The House has again fought for our state’s businesses and working people by supporting the film tax credit which stimulates local business and job growth throughout Massachusetts.”

“I am thrilled at the significant vote in the House today in support of the film tax credit program,” said Assistant Majority Leader Ronald Mariano (D-Quincy). “As other sectors continue to struggle, the film and television production industry in Massachusetts has been a bright spot. Since the inception of the tax credit in 2006, the Mass. film industry has seen dramatic growth, especially in the area of employment. Jobs have risen by 30 percent and we continue to feel the ripple effect on ancillary industries statewide. I thank my fellow members for making a strong commitment today in support of this burgeoning industry.”

“Our focus for the remainder of this session is job creation,” said Representative John Keenan, Chairman of the Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development. “It makes sense to continue the investment in the film production sector which has shown tremendous growth during the first few years of the credit. A \$100 million investment has generated over a billion in economic activity. This translates into real jobs for carpenters, tradesmen, lighting contractors, caterers, hotels, housing, transportation, restaurants, and others.”

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During debate on the House floor, lawmakers rejected an amendment that would have limited the tax credit to \$50 million dollars per year for all production costs incurred in Massachusetts. Another amendment would have limited the tax credit to \$7 million dollars per year for all productions.

A recent UMass-Boston study reported that each job created by the film sector produces .79 jobs in other sectors of the Commonwealth. The study also suggests that non-wage film production spending in Massachusetts – some \$247 million since 2006 – creates “significant sources of revenue for local merchants.”

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