

Michigan Needs A Positive

My Name is Neal Garon. I am a husband and also a father of four children. I was laid off from my 9.00/hr job two years ago. Although I wasn't making great money we depended on that money. My wife, being a nurse took a second job to make up the loss in income. When I learned of the incentive it became the hinge that allowed a door to open. I saw the opportunity and walked through it.

I now hold a union position and make almost 31.00/ hr on the set of a TV show that came to Michigan because of the film incentive. My family is now starting to see the light at the end of a financially dark tunnel.

Film makers also see that door and Michigan is on the other side of it. The conversations they are hearing are making them think twice about coming to Michigan. If you found out about a doctor that didn't try his best would you go to him? If you even so much as thought the milk was spoiled would you drink it? Michigan has the best film incentive today. Why would Michigan want to be second or third?

Film makers bring jobs and put money into the hands of those that otherwise would not have received any.

Michigan is first in unemployment. Why not work to make Michigan first in job placement. The film incentive, if not tampered with can be the catalyst for job creation. I know it was for me and many others. Saying the incentive is too high or there should be a cap will only keep the unemployed... unemployed.

The film industry in Michigan is really in its infancy. Letting it grow, without hindrance will only prove to be positive for Michigan.

Michigan needs a positive. The people of Michigan need a positive.