



A MESSAGE FROM RURAL UTAH

Utah has spent hundreds of millions of dollars over the past decade on corporate tax incentives. Most of those dollars have been spent on or near the Wasatch Front.

Now it's rural Utah's turn.

Fortunately, there is a ready solution for rural Utah: Film production.

Rural Utah was once a hotbed for film production. It can be again.

The potential for more film projects in rural Utah is enormous. Producers such as Amazon, Disney, Netflix, ViacomCBS and others are projected to spend billions of dollars producing content. They want to spend their money in Utah. We should make it easy for them to do so.

Utah has turned away hundreds of millions of dollars of film and television projects. Other states continue to utilize film incentives that lure film and other content producers away from Utah. Utah must offer a competitive film incentive.

Senator Winterton's rural film incentive bill, SB49, is a direct investment in rural Utah. It will unleash film opportunities in rural Utah and drive investment to the areas that need it most. This bill will cause producers to consider rural counties first before looking elsewhere. Cash will get infused very quickly and rural county vendors, suppliers, hotels, and restaurants will see immediate benefits. With SB49, rural Utah can become a major player in film again.

SB49 represents an enormous opportunity where it is needed most – rural Utah.

We, the undersigned officials from rural Utah strongly support SB49 and urge state legislators and the Governor to quickly pass this bill.

Bruce Adams, San Juan County Commissioner

Andy Gant, Kane County Commissioner

Leland Pollock, Garfield County Commissioner

Tammy Pearson, Beaver County Commissioner

Gina Worthen, Cache County Council

David Zook, Cache County Executive

Barbara Tidwell, Cache County Council Chair

Greg Todd, Duchesne County Commissioner

Shawn Milne, Cache County Economic Development Director

Jeff Scott, Box Elder County Commissioner

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Jack Lytle, Daggett County Commissioner

Greg Miles, Duchesne County Commissioner

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Irene Hansen, Duchesne County Commissioner

Bill Cox, Rich County Commissioner

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Jared Hamner, Tooele County Council Chair

Debbie Winn, Mayor of Tooele City

Kelly Stowell, Kane County Film Commissioner	Stan Summers, Box Elder County Commissioner
Glenn Wright, Summit County Councilman	Stan Wood, Wayne County Commissioner
Dennis Blackburn, Wayne County Commissioner	Roger Brian, Wayne County Commissioner
Thomas C. Fisher, Summit County Manager	Roger Armstrong, Summit County Council
Clinton Painter, Juab County Commissioner	Shanna Memmott, Juab County Tourism Director
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Jerry Taylor, Garfield County Commissioner	Brent Chamberlain, Kane County Commissioner
Wade Heaton, Kane County Commissioner	Gil Almquist, Washington County Commissioner
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Gabriel Woytek, Grand County Commission Chair	Camille Taylor, Kane County Tourism Director
Dan Stewart, Cedar City Economic Development Director	Casey Hopes, Carbon County Commissioner
Maria Twitchell, Cedar City/Iron County Tourism Director	Larry Jensen, Carbon County Commissioner
Tony Martines, Carbon County Commissioner	Lenise Peterman, Mayor of Helper City
Rita Vigor, Carbon County Economic Development Director	Sue Kapis, Park City Film Commissioner
Jennifer Wesselhoff, CEO Park City Chamber of Commerce	Glenn Wright, Summit County Council
Malena Stevens, Summit County Council	Chris Robinson, Summit County Council
Nann Worel, Mayor of Park City	Danny Van Wagoner, Mayor of Castle Dale
Jordan Leonard, Castle Dale City Council	Amanda Leonard, Emery County Events Coordinator
Adrian Chimeras, Emery County Travel Bureau Director	Christina Sloan, Grand County Attorney
Bega Metzner, Moab to Monument Valley Film Commissioner	Evan Clapper, Grand County Commissioner
Jacques Hadler, Grand County Commissioner	Trisha Hedden, Grand County Commissioner
August Granath, Grand County Economic Development Director	Joette Langianese, Mayor of Moab City
Mary McGann, Grand County Commissioner	Blaine Fackrell, Morgan County Commissioner
Anissa Brown, Morgan County Economic & Tourism Director	Robert McConnell, Morgan County Commissioner

"Film opportunities are real, they are growing, and they bring real dollars to rural communities. Rural Utah has the chance to become a major player in film if SB49 passes."

- **Bruce Adams, San Juan County Commissioner**

"The rural film incentive will drive massive economic activity towards rural communities like Box Elder. I can't think of another tax incentive that has as large a potential impact as the rural film incentive."

- **Stan Summers, Box Elder County Commissioner**

"Film is an underutilized but potentially potent tool in a county's economic toolbox. This is serious money, and a serious opportunity. Utah should do everything it can to encourage more film production in our great state."

- **Jared Hamner, Tooele County Council Chair**

"Utah has all the elements to become a premier film destination. The only question is whether or not the state will adopt policies that make Utah competitive or will we continue to send jobs and investments to other states."

- **Kelly Stowell, Kane County Film Commissioner**