

March 19, 2009

Governor Jim Doyle  
P.O. Box 7863  
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Governor Doyle:

I had the great pleasure in February to return to Wisconsin, my home state, to spend three weeks shooting the independent film "Feed the Fish" in Door County. Notably, this was the first time I have acted in a film in the Badger State, and the motivation to set the film there was largely due to Wisconsin's adoption of a Tax Incentive Program. As an Executive Producer on "Feed the Fish," I know we would not have been fiscally able to support that choice had the incentives not been in place.

We injected thousands of dollars into the community during the course of filming, and heard nothing from the locals but that our presence in the community was hugely stimulating, both economically and artistically. We also hired locally, and were able to train many people in the hopes of establishing a solid crew base in Wisconsin so that when we return for another film, we will be able to hire from the talented workforce in Wisconsin.

I hope, both personally and professionally, that Wisconsin chooses to continue to nurture it's fledgling film industry and allow us to continue to showcase the beauty of the area and the tremendous capabilities of it's residents.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tony Shalhoub". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Tony Shalhoub