



Honorable Governor Martin O'Malley
State House
100 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Governor O'Malley,

Thank you again for taking the time to visit the *House of Cards* set last spring to announce the enhancement of the Maryland Film Production Employment Act. The passage of the legislation allowed MRC and the production to remain in Maryland. We appreciate your strong support for our business and for recognizing the jobs and economic impact it brings to the State of Maryland.

We know that the General Assembly is in session, and understand legislation must be introduced to increase the program's funding. MRC and *House of Cards* had a wonderful experience over the past two seasons and we want to stay in Maryland. We are ready to assist in any way possible to help with the passage of the bill.

In the meantime I wanted you to be aware that we are required to look at other states in which to film on the off chance that the legislation does not pass, or does not cover the amount of tax credits for which we would qualify. I am sure you can understand that we would not be responsible financiers and a successful production company if we did not have viable options available.

We wanted you to be aware that while we had planned to begin filming in early spring, we have decided to push back the start date for filming until June to ensure there has been a positive outcome of the legislation. In the event sufficient incentives do not become available, we will have to break down our stage, sets and offices and set up in another state.

Thank you again for the support and assistance that *House of Cards* has received from the State of Maryland and your agencies, Baltimore City, as well as Harford County, the Maryland Film Industry Coalition, the unions, and Maryland's citizens and thousands of small businesses. I hope this legislative session will be successful and that you will be able to visit *House of Cards* and spend time with our cast and crew once again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charlie Goldstein", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Charlie Goldstein
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