



THE GENERAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

January 16, 2019

Mr. Michael Kennealy, Secretary
Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development
1 Ashburton Place, Room 2101
Boston, MA 02109

RE: Investigation of ABC's Massachusetts-based Production

Dear Secretary Kennealy:

We write to express our concerns regarding the investigation of ABC's production, SMILF, due to allegations of harassment, civil rights violations and unfair labor practices existing on the show.

Recent news articles about this Massachusetts based production describe allegations including employees being segregated by race, not being compensated or given credit for their work, among others.

It is our understanding that ABC is eligible under M.G.L. ch.63 sec. 38X to apply for the MA Film Tax Credit for their 2018 production here in Massachusetts.

Given the aforementioned allegations, we do not believe that taxpayers in Massachusetts should be subsidizing this production, especially not until an independent investigation has been completed.

It is important that our tax dollars are used to create jobs and opportunities for Massachusetts residents, not workplaces where employees' rights are violated.

We strongly encourage you to stop any tax credits being issued to the SMILF production until all investigations are complete.

Sincerely,



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SONIA CHANG-DIAZ

CARLOS GONZALEZ

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State Senator

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