



**Ned Lamont**  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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Mr. Josh Sapan  
President & CEO, AMC Networks  
11 Pennsylvania Plaza  
New York NY

Dear Mr. Sapan,

We applaud AMC's recent condemnation of new legislation enacted in Georgia to severely curb women's reproductive rights. We wholeheartedly agree with and support your position, and know that this calls into question the viability of doing business in that state.

We urge you to consider Connecticut.

Our nationally competitive production tax incentives are ideal for companies like AMC that are producing television content. Connecticut has hosted a variety of television shows, from dramatic cable fare (Showtime's *The Big C*) to talk and game shows (*Maurycy*, *The Jerry Springer Show*, *The People's Court*, *Who Want to Be a Millionaire*), sitcoms (TBS' *Are We There Yet?*) and at least a half dozen annual Hallmark and Lifetime made for TV movies.

The State of Connecticut has a wealth of competitive advantages for a company such as AMC:

- A highly-skilled workforce, top-ranked in productivity
- Excellent K-12 school systems and world-renowned colleges/universities
- Superior quality of life
- Strategic location between New York and Boston, providing access to key media markets and resources
- Third best state for working mothers and the fourth most innovative economy in the nation

The film, television and digital media sector has been specifically targeted for growth and we are proud of the successes we have seen over the past 15 years:

- The recruitment of Blue Sky Studios, NBCUniversal (sports group and syndicated television), CBS Sports HQ, and ITV America
- Expansions of our major homegrown industry players; ESPN, WWE and A&E
- Creation of over 2,000 new industry jobs to date
- Development of an industry training program in conjunction with employers, state colleges and universities to provide graduates endowed with specific skillsets
- \$843 million in tax credits issued spurring over \$2.8 billion of expenditures in state

We would like to discuss this as well as AMC's broader production needs and how they can be met here in Connecticut.

Please contact George Norfleet, an industry veteran and director of our Office of Film Television and Digital Media, at 860.500.2388 or [George.Norfleet@ct.gov](mailto:George.Norfleet@ct.gov). He can answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to hearing from you and exploring new partnerships in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ned Lamont". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Ned" and "Lamont" being capitalized and prominent.

Ned Lamont, Governor  
State of Connecticut

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Bysiewicz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Susan" and "Bysiewicz" being capitalized and prominent.

Susan Bysiewicz, Lt. Governor  
State of Connecticut