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Dear Lloyd Cooper:

Video game production companies are among the most highly subsidized businesses in the United States.

So says this in-depth piece in the Saturday edition of the *New York Times* by tax reporter David Kocieniewski, who dissects the reasons that this industry in particular has received such generous deals - both from the federal government and from the more than 20 states that now offer incentives to these types of firms. The causes range from a business model that straddles several sectors to an outdated tax code.

But as the federal government's budget woes continue, Congress and the Obama administration may look to shore up loopholes and cut back on breaks for video gaming companies, such as Electronic Arts, that some say don't need the help. Industry backers argue that if America doesn't continue bolstering their sector, the 32,000 jobs associated with producing video games could go elsewhere - to places such as India or Canada, whose lucrative packages recently lured game company THQ and its 800 production jobs to Montreal, shutting down studios in New York and Phoenix.

What's your take? We're interested in your perspective, so take a look at the article and email me your thoughts at [erin.bodine@aboutdci.com](mailto:erin.bodine@aboutdci.com).

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