



ACTRA

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House of Commons
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Dear Ms. Oda:

On behalf of ACTRA's 23,000 professional Canadian performers, I am writing today to request a meeting with you, to talk about your Party's cultural policy and the future of Canada's film and television industry.

ACTRA members are an integral part of the cultural industry that employs over 150,000 Canadians in virtually every community across Canada. The film and television industry represents billions of dollars in economic activity within Canada, and is responsible for the export of Canadian-made cultural products around the world. Over many decades, Canada has benefited from public policies designed to ensure that our cultural products inhabit a place of pride in our broadcasting system, in our movie theatres, on our stages, in our art galleries and concert halls. These policies have been created under governments of many colours, both federal and provincial.

ACTRA is looking for your assurance that your Party supports a vibrant Canadian culture and will make a strong commitment to the protection and promotion of Canadian cultural sovereignty by adopting the following three principles:

- Existing rules requiring majority Canadian ownership of Canadian telecommunications and broadcasting must be maintained.
- Canadian content regulations in broadcasting and distribution must be strengthened, including reinstating minimum drama content and expenditure requirements on Canada's private broadcasters.
- Enhanced and stable public financial support for Canada's cultural industries must be provided, particularly support for public broadcasting through the CBC, and television drama financed through the Canadian Television Fund.

ACTRA wants your Party to work with us to ensure that Canada's culture remains Canadian.

We would like to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss your Party's cultural policy. We will be contacting your staff to make arrangements for a meeting.

Thank you.

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