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Richard Hardacre,
National President, ACTRA
625 Church Street, 3rd Floor
Toronto, ON M4Y 2G1

Dear Brother *Richard* Hardacre:

On behalf of the Canadian Labour Congress and its 3.2 million members across Canada, I would like to express our profound solidarity and support for the 21,000 ACTRA members moving into their third week on strike.

The professional and talented Canadian performers, actors, writers, musicians and others who make up the high caliber Canadian industry of recording media talent deserve the respect of the Canadian Film and Television Production Association (CFTPA).

It is unacceptable behaviour for the CFTPA to not only walk away from the bargaining table, but also attempt to obtain an injunction to make 'interim agreements' illegal and force ACTRA into a full-scale strike, a strike that would halt all film and television production across Canada.

Fair wages, getting a real and binding collective agreement and fixing the language on low-budget productions, reality TV and documentaries are real issues that need to be negotiated in a fair and acceptable manner.

Any artist deserves recognition and compensation regardless of whether the fruits of their labour appear on film, television or the internet. Compensation for work performed is the bottom line and the CFTPA should know better.

The Canadian Labour Congress stands in complete solidarity with ACTRA and hopes for quick a resolution at the bargaining table so our Canadian artists can get back to doing what they do best, adding the value of entertainment to our lives and enriching our lives as Canadians.

Sincerely,

Kenneth V. Georgetti
President

cc: Stephen Waddell, ACTRA

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