

To the members of the Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists,

We are writing to you today in support of your struggle for fair wages. Canadian artists are no less professional than American artists, and it is absurd for producers to pay them less. ACTRA members have faced too many wage cuts already. Further, we value Canadian media, and we think it is worth standing up for and protecting.

We also support your stand on digital media. It is unfair to demand that the work of Canadian artists' be distributed without compensation, and it is unfair to demand that artists work at a discounted rate when producing media for internet distribution. A joint committee to resolve this dispute is a reasonable request, so that artists' have a voice at the table to discuss this issue, and hopefully come to a fair resolution.

We support you in the event that the ACTRA is forced into a general strike as a result of the actions of the CFTPA. ACTRA members must maintain their right to organize, even if that means shutting down all film and television productions across Canada.

In Solidarity,

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