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Dear Sisters and Brothers:

On behalf of the over 750,000 members of the Ontario Federation of Labour, I am writing to express our solidarity with you in your struggle for fair wages and adequate compensation for Canadian artists.

For too long, the contributions made by actors, writers, musicians, performers and others who work in Canada's cultural, television and broadcast industries have been taken for granted. The fact that the Ontario government has failed to introduce "Status of the Artist Legislation", despite its promise to do so immediately upon forming government, speaks to the ongoing neglect of artists.

The Ontario Federation of Labour believes that performers should be properly compensated for any work used in new media like the internet and applauds ACTRA's strong stand in this regard for both current and future performers.

It is disappointing in the extreme that the Canadian Film and Television Production Association has chosen to walk away from the bargaining table instead of working toward solutions through negotiations.

We reiterate our support for fair wages, including fair compensation and appropriate recognition of new media applications for the work of all artists.

We pledge our ongoing support for ACTRA's efforts and extend our solidarity.

In solidarity,

WAYNE SAMUELSON
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