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## Department for Professional Employees, AFL-CIO

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Mr. Stephen Waddell  
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Dear Steve:

The Department for Professional Employees (DPE) is a coalition of 23 national unions representing over four million highly skilled, white-collar employees. DPE unions include professionals in over three hundred separate and distinct occupations in many sectors including: health care and education; science, engineering and technology; journalism, entertainment and the arts; public administration and law enforcement. The DPE is the largest association of professional, technical and administrative support workers in the U.S.

DPE wishes to express our support to its brothers and sisters at ACTRA in their efforts to achieve a fair and equitable agreement. ACTRA's commitment to ensure that Canadian performers can work decently and receive the fruits of their labor for their dedication to this strong and vibrant part of the Canadian economy is appreciated by all of our unions.

Please accept our best wishes and solidarity to achieve what is right and fair for all performers in Canada.

In Solidarity,

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