

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

July 25, 2023

The Honorable Fran Drescher
President
Screen Actors Guild
5757 Wilshire Boulevard, 7th Floor
Los Angeles, California 90036

The Honorable Carol Lombardini
President
Alliance of Motion Picture & Television Producers
15301 Ventura Blvd Bldg E
Sherman Oaks, California 91403

Dear President Drescher and President Lombardini:

We write to you as Members of Congress who represent many of the roughly 160,000 SAG-AFTRA members who work on television and film projects produced by the organizations and producers represented by the AMPTP. As thousands of our constituents engage in their legally and constitutionally protected capacity to participate in a work stoppage, we urge all parties to respect and affirm collective bargaining rights as these employees negotiate with their employers.

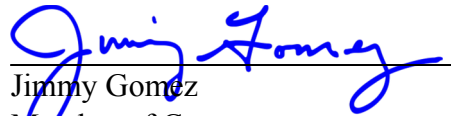
As policymakers responsible for crafting and overseeing federal labor protection laws, we are closely following the unresolved issues in this contract negotiation. All parties acknowledge that actors are essential to an American Film and TV industry that is unrivalled in scope or ability and generates hundreds of billions for the American economy every year. The contributions of these artists are indispensable to productions that millions of Americans watch each year to be entertained, expand their horizons, and experience unrivalled performance talent.


Therefore, we understand the importance to all parties of reaching an agreement regarding compensation and benefits. We also understand that union members have expressed the importance of agreement on the reproduction and use of their likenesses and work product in a rapidly changing digital economy with emerging technologies that are not yet fully understood or regulated. We appreciate that such important negotiations require time, the ability to utilize all options legally available to each party, and a fundamental respect for the human dignity and basic needs of all workers.

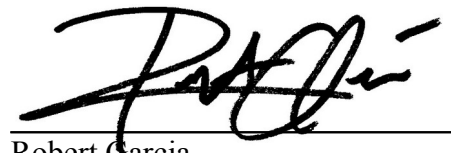
In this contract negotiation, it is our hope that all parties will participate in good faith and publicly respect the legal right of these employees to mutually agree to withhold their labor as a valid means of collective bargaining. Ultimately, we hope both parties can reach a consensus on outstanding labor contract issues.

Thank you for your consideration as we closely monitor these historic actions and negotiations.

Sincerely,


Jimmy Gomez
Member of Congress

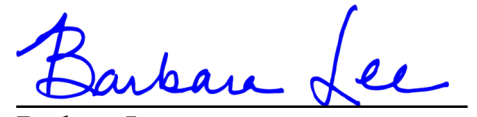

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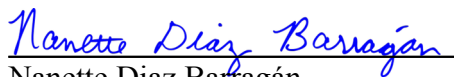

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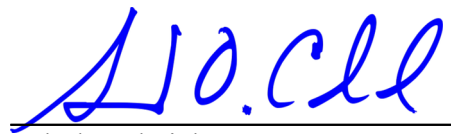

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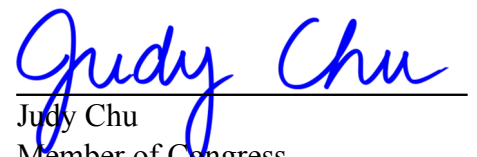

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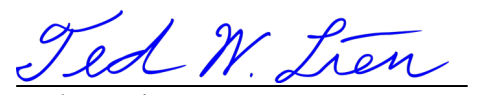

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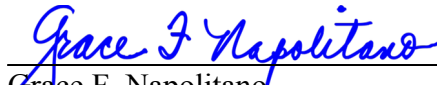

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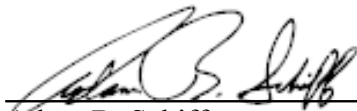
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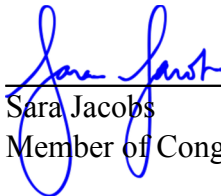
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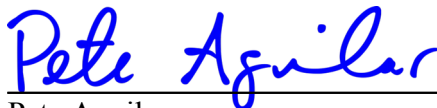
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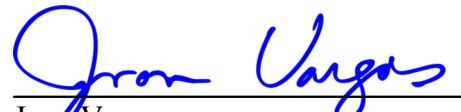
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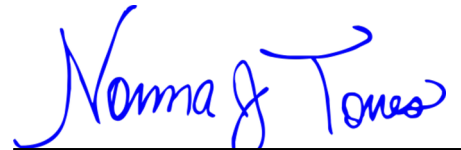
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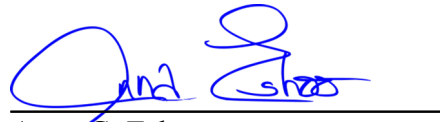
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