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Ms. Carol Lombardini
President,
Association of Motion Picture and Television Producers
15301 Ventura Boulevard
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Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

Dear Ms. Lombardini:

As members of the New York State Assembly, we recently joined our colleagues in an historic vote to expand New York's Empire State Film Production tax credit in the FY 2024 Budget. This film and television production incentive provides hundreds of millions of dollars in tax credits every year to companies represented by the Association of Motion Picture and Television Producers ("AMPTP").

It is disturbing to note that the same companies that will benefit enormously from this expanded tax credit have failed to negotiate a collective bargaining agreement with the Writers Guilds of America, East and West, whose members are on strike across the country. Thousands of Writers Guild members live and work in New York, and their ability to maintain careers in the entertainment industry is of profound importance to us.

We understand that, despite many weeks at the bargaining table, the AMPTP rejected a range of Writers Guild proposals that are essential to the well-being of writers in the episodic television, comedy-variety, and feature film areas.

We call on the AMPTP, and its affiliated companies, to listen closely to what their writers are telling them about the difficulties in maintaining careers as streaming continues to transform the industry. We call on you to negotiate in good faith to reach a reasonable agreement with the Writers Guilds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Latoya Joyner".

Hon. Latoya Joyner
Member of Assembly
77th District, Bronx County

Additional Signatories for the Letter in Support
of the Writers Guild of America

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