



New Mexico Federation of Labor

AFL-CIO



Vince Alvarado, President
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Re: IATSE Letter of Support

New Mexico is home to a vibrant Film and Television industry representing approximately 2000 skilled union workers and craftspeople throughout the state of New Mexico and makes of one of the largest crew bases between the two coasts. We are proud of the incredible productions made in this state and of the members of IATSE Locals 480, 600, and 800, which represent over 100 different crafts and skills departments that are the backbone of this industry. Their hard work, skill and dedication is a vital element towards creating the magic of film and television.

The New Mexico Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO represents 35,000 union members and their families who work in, rely upon, invest in, and benefit from the work in this industry. We stand in strong support of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) and their demands for living wages, sustainable benefits, and reasonable rest periods between shifts and during the workday.

Post pandemic, film & television production is approaching pre-pandemic levels while many other industries are still struggling. This is largely because IATSE members returned to work a year ago at great personal risk to ensure the industry a swift recovery. With all this success, it is both outrageous and immoral that the studios oppose basic worker rights, an opposition that may lead to a highly successful industry's shutdown.

Behind every great film and television show is a hardworking crew of union members. We stand in solidarity with IATSE members in New Mexico and across the country as they begin a strike authorization vote on October 1, 2021.

In Solidarity,

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