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Subject: Letter of Support for MEAA

Dear Simon,

We were distressed to hear that your negotiations with the Screen Producers Association of Australia (SPAA) have been so unfruitful as to require you to take a strike vote of your membership. We want to commend you and your membership for showing such solidarity and resolve so as to return a 98% favourable response.

No one undertakes such action lightly and we sincerely hope that you will be able to successfully conclude an agreement with SPAA before the deadline. However, we wish to assure you that in the event that you must withdraw services, we will alert our members to the situation. While it is not Equity who represents the recorded media in Canada, our reciprocal agreement with our sister union ACTRA requires our members to conduct themselves professionally within each other's jurisdiction and so our members will be advised to immediately contact either our office or their nearest ACTRA office (for many of our members are dual members) if they are approached to participate in a commercial that belongs in your jurisdiction.

In solidarity,

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