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Dear Marie Kelly/Alistair Hepburn

The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF/FEESO) is writing to you on behalf of our more than 60,000 education workers with a message of solidarity. We applaud the Professional Performers working in English-language recorded media in Canada and recognize your united efforts to fight industry employers that disrespect workers and deny them their basic labour rights and protections. Your continued work and advocacy on behalf of gig workers, and courage in the face of adversity will make a difference to your more than 28,000 members and the millions of Canadians who enjoy the high-quality content that your members create.

In education, we face a similarly difficult situation with a Premier and government seeking to undermine the value of frontline education workers and teachers, who provide supports and services for millions of students every day in order for them to be successful and reach their full potential. The provincial government discounts the huge impacts that education workers and teachers have on the students they serve as well as Ontario's communities and future prosperity, and similarly discount the importance of the arts and arts practitioners in this province. These attacks on workers cannot be ignored; workers around the globe must stand united in our efforts to preserve labour rights and to ensure the best for our members and the communities we serve.

We know the difficulty in taking on job action and a cut-driven, anti-union employer. We know the fight has been incredibly difficult for your members, lasting over six months, one of the longest labour disruptions in your union's more than 80-year history. We know the sacrifices being made, all in the name of respecting the value that workers provide to our society. You should all be proud of the unity demonstrated in the face of these hardships.

As you continue to take to the picket lines, we send our strength and best wishes for a swift settlement in favour of ACTRA's members and our support to gig workers everywhere. It is the strength of ACTRA that will make the difference in fighting threats to labour rights.

Yours in solidarity



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