

January 19, 2022

Carol Lombardini
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RE: Post Production Employees Seeking to Join CWA

Dear Ms. Lombardini,

We are writing to express our strong support for the rights of the administrative post production employees (Post Production Department heads and their staff) in New York City who are seeking to join the Communications Workers of America. As you know, an overwhelming majority of employees in this unit have signed cards indicating their support for union representation. After being denied recognition by the AMPTP, virtually the entire unit wrote publicly to you to ask for union recognition once again.

We understand that the AMPTP is claiming that these post production employees are supervisors who are therefore barred from union representation. We find this to be a curious argument, in light of the fact that many other titles who arguably direct work are represented, including directors, unit production managers, location managers, location supervisors, and many others. We are puzzled that AMPTP appears to be taking a new, and more hostile anti-union position.

As you know, New York State offers \$420 million in tax breaks to this important industry, with 25 million in tax breaks just for post production work. These credits are aimed to keep good jobs in the state. In addition to this significant tax break, New York City has worked closely with your industry to ensure TV and Film shoots run smoothly across the city.

We are in strong support of the post production employees who want to make these jobs good union jobs. We ask that you reconsider your position, and immediately agree to card check, along with neutrality for the post production employees who are not yet represented. It is our sincere hope that this issue gets resolved quickly before it escalates into an unwanted labor dispute.

Sincerely,

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