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**Wisconsin AFL-CIO Stands with IATSE Film and Television Crews in the Fight for a Fair Contract with AMPTP**

(October 4, 2021, MILWAUKEE, WI) – Today, the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) and the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers (AMPTP) agreed to return to the bargaining table. Negotiations resumed following a nearly unanimous vote by IATSE’s 60,000 members working in television and film production to authorize a nationwide strike. It was the first time the union authorized a national strike in its 128-year history.

Wisconsin AFL-CIO President Stephanie Bloomingdale released the following statement:

“The Wisconsin labor movement proudly stands with our IATSE brothers and sisters whose hard work behind the scenes contributes so much to the cultural life of our nation. The ninety-eight percent margin by which the strike vote was authorized is a clear indication of the solidarity and resolve of IATSE members. We urge the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers to negotiate in good faith to reach a mutually agreeable contract that brings an end to excessive and harmful work schedules and provides fair wages to all.”

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