



Dear Dan & Liz,

As film industry professionals representing a wide variety of genres, we stand by the Story Syndicate workers represented by Writers Guild of America East (WGAE) and the Motion Picture Editors Guild IATSE Local 700 (MPEG) during their ongoing contract negotiations.

Since its inception, Story Syndicate has been at the pinnacle of documentary filmmaking within the industry and an organization we have long respected for the perspective they bring to cinematic storytelling. You both are held in high esteem for your vision and craft.

More than a year ago, Story Syndicate recognized the union and it is long past due for them to agree to a fair contract. That's why we are urging you to settle a fair contract with your workers who are represented by MPEG and WGAE in an expeditious manner. Long delays, proposals that are out of line with industry standards, and refusals to respond to important proposals would not reflect well on the company's stated principles. Your workers deserve fair wages, adequate healthcare, and paid time off.

We stand united in support of the union's proposals and their call for a fair contract. Many of us know the mental, physical, and financial sacrifices that come with building a sustainable career in this industry, but we are only as strong as the teams we work with who are seeking the same benefits available in every other industry. We are calling on Story Syndicate to be the industry leaders they are and set a precedent others can follow to create a truly inclusive and transparent work environment.

With this contract, we believe that Story Syndicate can continue to produce meaningful content about human beings *and* extend that same regard to its own employees.

Respectfully,

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