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Lowell Peterson National Executive Director
WGA-East
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Solidarity with WGA-East and WGA-West

Dear Ellen, dear Lowell,
Dear Members of WGA-East and WGA-West,

Arts Workers Japan representing over 52000 freelancers' workers of all kinds of arts and entertainments stand in solidarity with the guilds in your fight for fair pay, decent working conditions and the protection of your members rights in the digital environment including the use of artificial intelligence. Writers deserve a fair share in the successes of their work!

We support your strike action and call on the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers to finally engage with you in a meaningful way and make concrete proposals to achieve a fair contract.

The showing of solidarity by sister unions in the Unites States is strong. We applaud the solidarity of writers' guilds from across the world, notably of the IAWG and the FSE member guilds, and their commitment to support you in this important fight.

Your fight is our fight. Ensuring fair pay, the protection of our members' rights and dignity at work are at the heart of UNI MEI's member unions' campaigns, often facing the same global companies. Workers in our industries - above and below the line - have been squeezed during the ongoing transformation to the streaming model. Unions fight higher work pressure, unsustainable remuneration models and unsafe working hours and deadlines, which are common features of production in the global economy.

Your strike is part of the struggle of the global community of unions in the media and entertainment industries campaigning to bring about change for fair remuneration, dignity and equality at work. We stand with you!

In Solidarity,

Megumi Morisaki, Chair of Arts Workers Japan

