

## United States Senate

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Dear Friends,

Since the Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists merged last year, SAG-AFTRA has united our two unions' membership, traditions, and advocacy. As a longtime member of both SAG and AFTRA, I'm excited to see these organizations come together, although I would have much preferred AFTRA-SAG to SAG-AFTRA. Just a taste thing. Anyway, congratulations on your inaugural convention!

As a Senator from Minnesota, I'm working to ensure that all Americans can earn a decent living. Even though my career is now focused on legislating, I'm still proud to call myself an AFTRA-SAG member, or as you would have it, SAG-AFTRA member. Either way, our union plays a vital role in securing fair contracts and benefits for media artists – benefits my own family relied on for many years.

With industry changes and the evolution of new media platforms, protecting the rights of workers is more important than ever. I'm confident that a united SAG-AFTRA is ready to address these challenges.

Again, congratulations! I wish you a successful and productive convention.

Sincerely,



Al Franken  
United States Senator