

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Dear Friends,

I write to wish you success on the inaugural SAG-AFTRA National Convention.

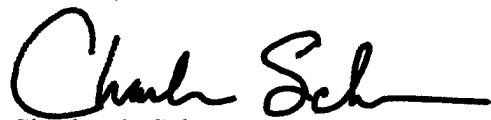
Last year's merger of Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists combined two venerable organizations that fought for years to obtain and enforce protections for performers. Now, the newly formed SAG-AFTRA will continue to advance the issues of importance of to the more than 165,000 actors, announcers, broadcasters, journalists, dancers, DJs, news writers, news editors, program hosts, puppeteers, recording artists, singers, stunt performers, voiceover artists and other media professionals that it represents.

My state is the fortunate home to many of your members, and the immense contributions they make to our culture and society help make New York an epicenter of culture and media and more.

In an era where working men and women increasingly struggle to make ends meet, unions are crucial to protecting the American worker and strengthening the middle class. Strong advocates like SAG-AFTRA are a necessity toward protecting the rights and well-being of artists across the country and around the world.

Again I congratulate you and send my best wishes for a successful and prosperous convention.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator