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To Whom It May Concern,

This is a very difficult time for the entertainment industry and for the bearer of this letter who is a member of IATSE Local 489. They have been put out of work for lack of work as a result of the Coronavirus. IATSE Local 489 Referral Hall participants went from 100% employment to 0% within forty-eight hours of the NBA announcement to cancel their season. Every employer in every venue has ceased operations.

More than likely, due to the nature of our business, this Studio Mechanics employment record reflects numerous employers as we work a myriad of venues on events and presentations of every nature. Regardless of the number of Employers, many Studio Mechanics accrue significant annual wages. all of which are subject to payroll tax, which includes payment into the unemployment insurance fund. The Coronavirus has created an unprecedented situation not just for Studio Mechanics but workers in much of the economy. I have no doubt your job and office responsibilities are being put under tremendous stress dealing with the volume of claims. Studio Mechanic claims are unique as they include at time an extraordinary number of Employers. This is the norm of the industry. I appreciate your time and attention to this claim and am available to answer any questions to help expedite the process.

Sincerely,

Michael "Bubba" Matesic - IATSE Local 489 President

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