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Dear Mr. Laks, Mr. Gagliardi, and Mr. Suttman;

As you continue to work towards a labor agreement, we respectfully encourage good faith negotiations and continued communication amongst all parties.

Broadway is an iconic pillar of New York City's cultural identity and brings immense value to our nation's entertainment and arts scene. The industry supports nearly 100,000 jobs and draws in yearly audiences of over 14 million, generating a record \$1.89 billion in box office revenue during its most recent season. Broadway is also an essential cornerstone in the economic wellbeing of surrounding businesses and sectors, including hospitality, retail, and transportation. Broadway's workers are the heartbeat of American arts and entertainment, and the cultural legacy these individuals have cultivated inspires generations.

The contract between the Broadway League and the American Federation of Musicians has expired, and union members are continuing to work under this expired contract. Should a strike occur, it would cause significant disruption in the Tri-State economy and Broadway's post-pandemic recovery will see an unwanted setback.

In the past, disruptions to production have had drastic impacts on job security and quality of life for tens of thousands of artists. With Broadway only beginning to recover from the pandemic during the 2024-2025 season, a strike would have devastating and lasting impacts on its revival and the economic wellbeing of local businesses. During the 2007 stagehands strike, the city comptroller, William Thompson Jr., estimated that economic losses amounted to about \$2

million each day of the strike. Efforts must be made by all sides to negotiate in good faith and prevent a strike.

It is imperative that a fair negotiation takes place that prioritizes the health and well-being of Broadway and the people that bring it to life. We urge you to resolve this matter expeditiously.

Sincerely,



Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator



Andy Kim
United States Senator



Cory A. Booker
United States Senator