



April 1, 2008

Dear Member of Congress:

I am writing on behalf of Actors' Equity Association, a National Co-Sponsor of Arts Advocacy Day 2008.

Actors' Equity Association is the labor union representing over 45,000 American actors and stage managers. Professional theater is at work today throughout American society and our diverse culture. Equity members live and perform in cities, suburbs, small towns and educational institutions across the Country, lighting the new and old theatrical venues that are so often the focus of civic pride and the catalyst for economic redevelopment.

Actors' Equity Association is a member of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) and is an autonomous branch, and founding member of the Associated Actors and Artistes of America (4 A's).

As a National Co-Sponsor of Arts Advocacy Day 2008, AEA urges you to support the following:

- Bill H.R. 1320, the Interference Protection for Existing Television Band Devices Act that preserves the ability of wireless microphones used in performing arts venues to operate without interference.
- Efforts to update the Qualified Performing Artists provision in the Internal Revenue Code.
- Increase funding for the National Endowment for the Arts to \$176 million.

Actors' Equity Association is committed to the enrichment of our culture, the edification and amusement of our citizens and the strengthening of our identity as a people.

Thank you for your consideration in these matters. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

ACTORS' EQUITY ASSOCIATION

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President