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**Statement from Thomas C. Short, President of IATSE, on the  
Commencement of Negotiations Between the DGA and the AMPTP**

“I’m glad to hear that the DGA is heading into formal negotiations with the AMPTP. As President of the IATSE, I represent over 50,000 members in two countries who have been impacted by the current labor situation. The industry is in trouble and tens of thousands of people are out of work. I hope that the DGA and the AMPTP can reach an agreement that puts us all on the road to getting back to work. I wish them the best of luck.”

The IATSE is an International Union that represents members employed in the stagecraft, motion picture and television production, and trade shows industries throughout the United States, its Territories, and Canada.

(For background information on the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees: [www.iatse-intl.org](http://www.iatse-intl.org).)

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