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# Theatrical Stage Employees Union Local Two

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March 14, 2020

Dear IDES Representative,

This is a very difficult time for our industry and for the bearer of this letter who is an IATSE Local 2 Stagehand. They have been put out of work due to Coronavirus.

More than likely, due to the nature of our industry, this stagehand's employment record reflects numerous employers as we work for a myriad of venues on events and presentations of every kind and nature. Regardless of the number of employers, many stagehands accrue significant annual wages, all of which are subject to payroll tax, which qualifies them for Unemployment Insurance Benefits.

I've been in contact with IDES Justin Brissette, who oversees your "IDES Rapid Response Program" and he's assured the AFL-CIO this process will be respectful to our Stagehands and their benefits will be on a fast track in order to provide them quick relief. We appreciate your help in assisting us in this most difficult time.

Please contact our office at 312-705-2020 with any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Craig Carlson', written over a white background.

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