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LOCAL No. 58 - TORONTO - CHARTERED SEPTEMBER, 1898

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Board of Governors Exhibition Place
Exhibition Place
100 Princes' Blvd
Toronto On M6K 3C3

RE: Over Active Media Performance Venue

Members of the Board of Exhibition Place,

I am writing you today in support of Over Active Media and their proposal to build a large scale performance venue on the grounds of Exhibition Place. While many of you on the Board are fully aware of the problems that IATSE Local 58 has had with many of the tenants on Exhibition Place grounds, Over Active Media has taken the opposite approach. OAM reached out to Local 58 early in the process to secure a good strong relationship with the Local and this has not gone unnoticed and is appreciated by our membership. By starting in this relationship in such a strong and collaborative fashion gives us a solid base where we can continue to build this relationship.

The proposed venue would be an important addition to the grounds of Exhibition Place and a potential flagship for the Live Entertainment Sector in the City of Toronto. The new venue when reaching its potential of 180 per year will mean increased work to the membership of Local 58 of approximately \$3-\$4 million per year. This estimates do not include the further spin off of work and events in other locations on Exhibition Place grounds directly or indirectly tied to events at this new venue.

What better way to help usher in a recovery from COVID-19 for one of the hardest hit sectors than to announce the commencement of construction of a new venue that will lead the way in the Live Entertainment Sector for decades to come

Sincerely,

Justin Antheunis
President
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Toronto Stagehands