

# **Our Contracts Our Pension Our Tax Dollars**

## **Our employers lobby hard for our tax dollars**

- The MPAA is the public affairs face of the major studios
- In 2018 alone, the MPAA spend \$2.7 million on lobbying for tax credits and other government considerations, augmented by other spending by state and local groups
- The same companies who won't give us a fair piece of the streaming pie, and won't support our pension fund through fair residuals and fair wages, spend millions lobbying for tax breaks.

## **Billions in tax dollars for a rich industry**

- Theatrical films alone produced over \$43 Billion in 2018
- Broadcast TV produced over \$65 Billion in 2018 (Broadcast and SVOD)
- Virtually all of the films, TV shows and streaming shows were taxpayer-supported:
  - \$420 million from New York
  - \$330 million from California
  - \$600 million from Georgia
  - Over 30 states provided billions
  - Our U.S. treasury made all filming costs 100% deductible – with no cap!

## **Full employment and full pension funds**

- The Hollywood Teamsters had more pension hours paid into their fund last year than any other year in history
- Writers, actors, directors, I.A.T.S.E. workers and other crew are at full employment in California, in Georgia, in New York, in Michigan, in Louisiana, and elsewhere around the country
- Where is our share of the pie?

## **Streaming, and tax credits**

- Streaming shows that pay substandard wages cheat our pension fund double – no contributions from our residuals fund, and paltry contributions from paltry wages
- Tax dollars that subsidize good jobs for everyone else frequently subsidize our jobs – in London, in Prague, in Bratislava, in Berlin

## **The solution**

- Industry standard contracts will support our pension fund, and sustain our lives
- Federal or state domestic content rules will ensure that tax dollars spent at home stay at home
- This will dramatically improve the health of our fund
- This will remove bad employers' ability to use the threat of offshoring to undermine organizing and solidarity