SAG-AFTRA Statement in Support of The Danish Actors Union and Create Denmark Los Angeles (July 6, 2022)

"On behalf of our more than 160,000 members including actors, broadcasters, recording artists and other creators, working in the global entertainment and media industry, SAG-AFTRA strongly supports our colleagues in The Danish Actors Union and Create Denmark.

"SAG-AFTRA believes in the fundamental right to fair and just compensation for creators' work and remuneration for digital rights and reuse. In the audio-visual sector, unions are innovating to meet the challenges introduced by new platforms and business models while ensuring creators are protected.

"We are aware of certain reports of buyout contracts made under the SAG-AFTRA collective bargaining agreement. These reports are unequivocally false.

"The SAG-AFTRA television and theatrical motion picture agreement includes specific and strict provisions for residuals compensation for reuse of our members' works. While this remuneration may include additional negotiated payments above the SAG-AFTRA minimums cited in the agreement, they may not be negotiated below those minimum standards.

"SAG-AFTRA stands with The Danish Actors Union and Create Denmark. We fully support the rights of their members and rights holders to engage with the streaming platforms in negotiating fair compensation and appropriate remuneration, including ongoing secondary use payments for Danish performers."