

Open Letter to NBC/Telemundo Management

We are pleased that NBC/Telemundo has made a commitment to producing entertainment programming in the United States. We were encourage to learn that Fremantle Latin America approached AFTRA to negotiate a contract for a telenovela to be produced for Telemundo in Los Angeles. It is important to our community that, as you look to us as potential viewers, you also provide quality jobs, with union standards and protections for Spanish-language performers in our community. NBC does this in English. There is no reason you cannot do this in Spanish.

When NBC purchased Telemundo, it was our hope that the resources available at NBC would be used to improve the quality of entertainment programming in Spanish-language media and the standards under which performers work. We are thus very disappointed to learn that Fremantle Latin America ended its negotiations with AFTRA without making an economic proposal, stating that it would produce the Telemundo novela using non-union and international talent. We are outraged that the production has moved out of Los Angeles to avoid providing union standards and protections to Spanish-language performers .

You have recognized the importance of our community to your long-term business plans. We hope that your recognition of our community translates into a long-term commitment to improving standards for those who work and perform in Spanish-language television.

We urge you to promptly resolve this issue by meeting with AFTRA to negotiate a contract for the Fremantle/Telemundo novela and all your Spanish-language entertainment programming.

I authorize AFTRA to use my name on the "OPEN LETTER TO NBC/TELEMUNDO MANAGEMENT"

Signature

Name:

Title:

Organization: