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Hello-  
Please be advised that the WGAE, AFL-CIO will be holding a lunchtime event in Stamford on Friday. (Details attached).  
We would appreciate the support of any of board members who are able to attend.

Here is some background:

The writer-producers at ITV/Leftfield voted years ago to join with the WGAE to bargain collectively. We negotiate collective bargaining agreements all the time, in all of our industries - including nonfiction/"reality" TV where we have solid agreements with ITV's competitors.

ITV/Leftfield has decided to take the low road, and it simply refuses to agree to a reasonable contract. Now it is reaping massive tax windfalls, including the huge corporate tax cut it just got from Washington. We have asked the company whether it will spend that windfall on its employees or instead repatriate the money to its headquarters in the UK; the company has failed to respond. Now the company wants to put even more tax dollars in its pockets, this time in Connecticut.

Friday we bring our message to Stamford, where ITV/Leftfield has set up a satellite office to grab tax credit dollars - and where A&E also has facilities. A&E gets huge amounts of Connecticut tax credits - \$11 million in 2016 alone.

We do not believe Connecticut taxpayers should subsidize a company that thwarts its employees' right to bargain a reasonable agreement. This is not the way the state should be spending its tax dollars.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or for further information on the situation.

Best,  
Justin



*Connecticut state tax dollars should not be going to a British corporation that refuses to honor the labor rights of employees in the United States.*

## **JOIN THE LUNCH TIME PICKET AT A & E HQ 250 Harbor Drive, Stamford Friday, February 9th 12:30pm-1:30pm**

Leftfield/ITV is a multinational media corporation based in Britain that fights its employees in the U.S. It is the biggest producer of nonfiction/"reality" television shows in the country, and its writer-producers voted years ago to be represented by the Writers Guild of America, East.

**Leftfield recently rented space in Stamford for one reason: to exploit the massive tax credits offered by the State of Connecticut.** For years, ITV has engaged in pervasive anti-union activities. It has actively fought its employees' struggle to negotiate collective bargaining agreements that would provide affordable health benefits, meaningful pay minimums, basic union protections and reasonable work schedules. Leftfield makes shows for A&E – which itself hauls in millions of dollars a year from the same Connecticut tax credit. More than \$11 *million* in 2016 alone.

**If you want to attend or if you have any questions, please contact [Justin Molito 203-207-162](tel:203-207-162)**

*The Writers Guild of America, East, AFL-CIO represents nearly 5,000 workers who write and produce television programs, feature films and digital media content. Our members craft drama, comedy/variety, public interest, news and nonfiction programs enjoyed by millions of Americans.*