

Dear New Line (and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer),

My name is _____ and I have spent a lot of money on "The Lord of the Rings" film trilogy. I went to the theatres (_____ times) and purchased the DVD's. I have bought the tie-in books and toys and plenty of merchandise.

Technically speaking, I am "The Audience." I put money in your pocket. Without me and my fellow fans being fully engaged, without us buying the movie tickets -- where would you guys be? Seriously. The philosophy behind this letter is as simple as that.

We want "The Hobbit" made into a glorious feature film, with Peter Jackson and his talented WETA team at his side. We have embraced his vision of "The Lord of the Rings" to the tune of \$3 Billion, and untold mountains of cash from home video and merchandise, all of it a deserving financial reward for your studio originally taking such a risk on PJ's vision. Don't you realize we would certainly shower Jackson's adaptation of "The Hobbit" with the same kind of enthusiasm? We love his work. We show our appreciation by buying tickets. Over and over. But we want to see it made straightaway, not seven or eight years from now.

We are ready to spend money on "The Hobbit." But we honestly think this legal gridlock in which you are stuck is unfortunate -- seems like you guys are too busy bickering to get the ball rolling.

Here is a modest proposal. Why don't you put a stop to the never-ending legal wrangling and get the film made? It seems that you guys are going nowhere, instead of rolling up your sleeves and getting some serious negotiations done to the satisfaction of all parties.

Strike while the iron is hot. At this moment in time, you have the trust and cohesion of a huge worldwide fan-base. Don't let that wither away while the market becomes oversaturated with badly made genre flicks from the "other studios." We are confident you can get things worked out.

Get wise to your audience. Don't make us wait. We are ready to spend our money again.

Sincerely,

(your name)