

IRAP COMMENT BANK INFORMATION SHEET

The Department of Labor has proposed a new regulation that could open the construction industry to Industry Recognized Apprenticeship Programs (IRAPs). These lower-quality training programs would undercut our registered apprenticeship programs and help nonunion contractors take our jobs. This is an attack on our apprenticeships and our union.

The Department of Labor lets people comment on regulations before they go into effect. This is our chance to be heard! If thousands of union ironworkers submit comments, we will show that we are a force to be reckoned with.

You don't need to be a policy expert to comment, you just need to be someone who would be affected by a regulation. Use the following questions to help tell your story.

- What does your registered union apprenticeship mean to you?
- What did you do before you were a union ironworker, and how has the apprenticeship changed your life?
- How would allowing lower-standard IRAPs into the construction industry hurt ironworkers like you?

Tips:

- Identify yourself as a union ironworker.
- The Department of Labor does not accept form letters, so write your message in your own words.
- Don't worry if you are not an expert, just tell your story and say how this will affect you as an American citizen.
- Remember that we are not opposed to the whole rule; we just want to keep IRAPs out of construction.

DON'T FORGET TO SAY THAT CONSTRUCTION SHOULD BE EXEMPT FROM IRAPS!

Also, anyone who is not available to make to a submit a hand written comment, let them know they can submit a comment at the site below. You can only submit one comment if you submit multiple comments, all of them will be thrown out. **SO PLEASE ONLY SUBMIT ONE COMMENT ONLY!**

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The most effective way to submit a comment is with a hand written comment, using the printable comment form provided.

Deadline to submit comments:

August 26, 2019

Send Comments to:

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