



United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America (UBC)

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Carpenters Union Supports DOL Decision Rescinding Low-Quality Apprenticeship Programs

Washington, DC—The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America (“UBC”) supports the Department of Labor’s recent repeal of the Trump-era rule on Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs (IRAPS).

“DOL-recognized apprenticeship programs in the building trades are one of our country’s most successful paths into fulfilling, middle-class careers. And the success of established apprenticeship programs is due in no small part to the high curriculum standards, required safety training, and strict compliance with worker protections and anti-discrimination policies,” said Douglas J. McCarron, General President of the UBC. “Industry-recognized apprenticeship programs would have eroded the success of American apprenticeships by lowering the quality of apprenticeship. We commend Secretary Walsh and the Department of Labor for rescinding the IRAP rule and upholding the high DOL-standards that ensure American apprenticeships offer the best training in the world and a clear path to the middle class.”

The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners represents 500,000 skilled workers throughout North America. For more information on the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, please visit: www.carpenters.org

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