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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Your advocacy for LIUNA apprenticeship programs made a difference. The Department of Labor's decision on IRAPs validated what you and your brothers and sisters already know, union registered apprenticeship programs are the gold standard. The final rule on apprenticeship ensures that LIUNA and the building trades first-class, cutting edge apprenticeship programs will continue to be the construction industry standard bearer.

This victory would not have happened without the extraordinary activism of LIUNA members in defense of our training and apprenticeship programs. The more than 88,000 comments submitted by our members is a testament to LIUNA's solidarity, strength, and activism.

LIUNA thanks those in the Administration who supported us and we are grateful for the many Members of Congress, from both sides of the aisle, who stood with us and weighed in with the Department of Labor to protect LIUNA apprenticeships. We will not forget their efforts.

We won this battle and we will be ready for whatever comes next. Whether it's an attack on our wages, pensions, or our right to collectively bargain, we must remain vigilant.

On behalf of myself, General Secretary-Treasurer Armand E. Sabitoni, and the entire LIUNA General Executive Board, I want to express our pride and our thanks for your commitment, your solidarity, and your determination. With the half-million strong, proud, and united brothers and sisters of LIUNA, there is nothing we can't do.

May you always Feel the Power, Use the Power, and Be the Power!