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FCA International Commends President Trump in Recognizing the Important Role of Registered Apprenticeship Programs in the Construction Industry

FCA International (FCA) commends President Trump and his Administration in recognizing the role of registered apprenticeship programs in the construction industry. Specifically, regarding their proposed rule issued on Monday, June 24, 2019 by the U.S. Department of Labor that would create Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs (IRAPs).

“As a premiere construction association that has worked together with our labor partner (the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades) to initially secure and invest in full accreditation with the U.S. Department of Education for our registered apprenticeship programs, we strongly oppose the insertion of the IRAPs in the construction industry, and we firmly support their exemption being a permanent part of the final rule,” Anthony Darkangelo, CEO of FCA International, said.

“As strident and committed signers of President Trump’s Pledge to America’s Workers, we are keenly aware of the President’s commitment to American workers. We pledged to deliver workforce training to 42,000 workers over the next five years, and we must remain committed to our registered apprenticeship programs that are inherent to America’s construction industry if we are to meet that goal. These hardworking Americans are the backbone of this great nation, building outstanding careers that enable our members and their workers to provide for their families and communities.”

FCA intends to offer extensive comments in response to the proposed rule and will encourage its 7,000 member contractors to do the same so that federal regulators understand the full extent of the impact of the proposed rule.

“Over the last several years, our contractors have walked the halls of Congress and visited the White House to better educate legislators and regulators about the finishing construction industry. We intend to do the same throughout this upcoming federal rule-making process to ensure our contractors’ message is heard on the importance of registered apprenticeship programs and their success in our industry.” Darkangelo said.

About FCA
FCA is the nationally recognized voice of the finishing construction industry, which employs over 100,000 employees annually and impacts buildings and communities across the nation. FCA represents more than 7,000 employers who perform work in the architectural glass & metal, drywall finishing, flooring, industrial coating, painting & wallcovering and sign & display trades. FCA and its affiliates are dedicated to enhancing the industry through continuing education, labor relations, safety codes, standards development and government relations.

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