



August 26, 2019

The Honorable Patrick Pizzella  
Acting Secretary of Labor  
Attn: Adele Gagliardi  
Administrator  
Office of Policy Development and Research  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-5641  
Washington, DC 20210

Re: Comments in Response to Department of Labor Notice of Proposed Rulemaking titled "Apprenticeship Programs, Labor Standards for Registration, Amendment of Regulations," RIN 1205-AB85 (June 25, 2019)

Dear Acting Secretary Pizzella:

The Center for Worker Freedom (CWF) is a nonprofit, educational organization that is dedicated to warning the public about the causes and consequences of unionization. CWF supports freedom of association and believes all workers should have the right to decide for themselves whether or not they would like to belong to a labor organization.

**The Center for Worker Freedom strongly supports the Department of Labor's proposed rule on apprenticeships because the rule would help American workers.**

American workers are experiencing one of the best economies for workers in decades. The 3.7% unemployment rate is the lowest unemployment rate since 1952. In addition, over 5 million jobs have been created since President Trump's inauguration in January 2017, and wages are growing at 3.2%.

However, job openings exceed the number of job seekers in the United States. Unfortunately, many of these jobs go unfilled because American workers need training. The Department of Labor's proposed rule would provide more Americans with more apprenticeships in a larger number of fields.

**Because this proposed rule would provide greater apprenticeship and job opportunities for American workers, the Center for Worker Freedom strongly supports the Labor Department's proposed rule on apprenticeships.**

Sincerely,

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