

Toni Giddens

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Via Email: nevadasac@labor.nv.gov

To:
Toni Giddens
State Director
Nevada State Apprenticeship Council

Re: Opposition to ACTA Proposed Apprenticeship Program – Parallel to Existing Program

Dear Ms. Giddens,

I am writing on behalf of the Northern Nevada Sheet Metal & HVAC Apprenticeship to formally state that the Air Conditioning Trade Association's (ACTA) proposed apprenticeship program is a **parallel program** under O*NET Code 47-2211.00 and therefore subject to the equivalency requirement under NRS 610.144.

Our program has been long established in Nevada, and together with Local 88 JATC, we have consistently proven the ability to meet the workforce needs of contractors statewide. We dispatch apprentices to all participating employers on public works projects without issue and have successfully filled every request for apprentices across Northern Nevada.

Allowing a duplicative program would undermine our established system and could jeopardize existing grant and state funding streams that directly support Nevada apprentices. Our JATC also provides apprentices with a livable wage, family health insurance, and retirement benefits, ensuring long-term career sustainability for Nevada workers.

For these reasons, I respectfully oppose the approval of ACTA's proposed apprenticeship program.

I would also like to note that I am available to provide comment or answer any questions at the upcoming September NSAC meeting.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued work in protecting the integrity of registered apprenticeship in Nevada.

A copy of this letter has been mailed for your records.

Respectfully,

Benny Wilson



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