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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to ask that you reconsider the proposal to waive testing fees for apprenticeship programs. It is my belief that a nominal fee (I paid $25 to join [redacted] test for inclusion in the apprenticeship program) serves a much more valuable purpose. I was assured that everyone at the test had some skin in the game. Each person cared at least enough to invest the cost of a movie in their future and therefore I felt secure about the caliber of individuals that I would meet in this program and work with on the job.

Furthermore, the cost of the testing and application process should be subsidized by those undergoing the test. The balance of the costs are absorbed by the local unions and the local unions are funded by their members. Therefore, to cancel the application fee only shifts the burden of costs to the existing members. At the same time, the costs are likely to increase as more people would seek applications without

any price for the priviledge.

In effect, to eliminate the application fee will result in lowering the quality of applicants will shifting additional burdens upon the union membership. This would be unjust and is definitely not a worthwhile endeavor. Please do not do this.

Best Regards,

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