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SUBJECT: Operating Engineers Certification Program (OECF)

Dear Mike:

On behalf of the MARBA Board of Directors, I am writing to inform you that my organization is in full support of the upgraded and improved crane operator certification process that the OECF can provide. We are extremely pleased that the Operating Engineers have taken the initiative. In light of all the recent crane accidents, this significant move will ensure that all Local 150 crane operators will continue to be the best trained in the industry.

We appreciate the information you provided on the OECF. It is apparent that this new program with its national accreditation represents a qualification process that is in depth, detailed, and of the highest integrity. We are confident that the OECF certification program will produce the most highly skilled operators working in the crane industry today - both in operational knowledge and safety practices.

Congratulations on this upgraded and improved crane certification program.

Sincerely,

Carol A. Lord
Executive Director

cc: John Kenny, Jr.
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