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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On behalf of the Northern Illinois Building Contractors Association I would like to confirm that we have consistently in the past supported rigorous certification programs that lead to heightened safety standards. As such our initial impression of the OECP is favorable.

Everyone in our industry is aware of the recent crane failures and the need to assure the safety of work sites as well as that of the general public. Further it is important that Local #150 maintains a program that is ahead of the curve with regard to potential legislation on this matter.

While this letter does not constitute an official position with regard to collective bargaining, it is our anticipation that our association will be in full support of the program when it is outlined specifically for our authorization.

Yours truly,

**NORTHERN ILLINOIS BUILDING
CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION**

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