



Livingston & McLean Counties Building & Construction Trades  
Council  
*North America's Building Trades Unions*

Richard L. Veitengruber  
*IBEW Local 197*

Patrick Hardesty  
*Plumbers & Pipefitters  
Local 99*

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*LiUNA Local 362*

Matt Watchinski  
*Carpenters Local 237*

Scott Nimmo  
*OPCMIA Local 18*

Tony O'Brian  
*Operators Local 649*

Bill Constock  
*Sheet Metal Local 1*

**THE ILLINOIS STATE APPRENTICESHIP CONFERENCE AND  
COMMITTEE OF THE LIVINGSTON & MCLEAN COUNTIES  
BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL  
AND ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LIVINGSTON  
& MCLEAN COUNTIES BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION  
TRADES COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, the Livingston & McLean Counties Building & Construction Trades Council recognizes the urgent needs of the construction unions to train and maintain the most highly skilled, highly trained workforce capable of meeting the needs of the industries in which we serve,

**WHEREAS**, the institution of registered apprenticeship programs has proven over millennia to be the most effective method for the transfer of traditional knowledge and skill from one generation to the next,

**WHEREAS**, registered apprenticeship is the proven vehicle to incorporate training on new and emerging technologies for the apprentice and the journeyworker that will secure America's future ability to sustain the rebuilding and maintenance of our infrastructure in an increasingly competitive global marketplace,

**WHEREAS**, recent U.S. economic circumstances and institutional education focus have created a generational gap in the numbers of trained, available and future journeyworkers to supply the immediate, short and long term needs of the building and construction trades,

**WHEREAS**, registered and graduate apprentices understand the perseverance, technical aptitude, and team work required of the construction workplace as they strive each day to become more knowledgeable and capable through structured related technical training and on the job instruction,

*Value on Display. EVERY DAY.*

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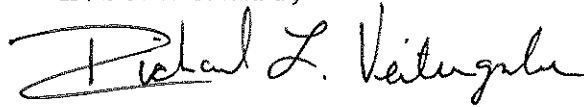


NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD L. VEITENGRUBER,  
PRESIDENT OF THE LIVINGSTON & MCLEAN COUNTIES  
BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL, CALL UPON  
ALL LOCAL UNIONS AND THEIR INDUSTRY PARTNERS TO  
TAKE MEASURE OF THEIR CURRENT AND FUTURE SKILLED  
WORKFORCE NEEDS DURING

**NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP  
AWARENESS & APPRECIATION WEEK  
NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> – 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

I FURTHER CALL UPON ALL THE BUILDING &  
CONSTRUCTION TRADES PARTNERS TO RECOGNIZE THE  
PURPOSE AND VALUE OF REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP  
TRAINING AND PURSUE INDUSTRY AWARENESS AND  
EXPANSION.

IN SOLIDARITY,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard L. Veitengruber". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'R'.

RICHARD L. VEITENGRUBER, PRESIDENT  
LIVINGSTON & MCLEAN COUNTIES BUILDING &  
CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL