The Task Force recommendations are sent to the President.

May 2018

- Union friendly officials in the DoL are forced out.

July 2019

- Anti-union Eugene Scalia is confirmed as the next Secretary of Labor.
- IRAP language is included in large spending bill at the last minute.

September 2019

- Industry-recognized apprenticeship programs (IRAPs) are proposed.
- Anti-union groups come out against the construction exemption.

June 2019

- Comments are due on August 26, 2019. A record breaking 325,000 comments were submitted by working men and women, 16,000 were comments by ironworkers.
- Allies in the House and Senate send letters to the DoL in support of the construction exemption in IRAPs.

August 2019

- Ironworker delegations are set up in targeted states.
- The DoL illegally diverted taxpayer money away from Registered Apprenticeship Programs to fund IRAPs.
- The DoL moves the goal post and delays the final rule release to April 2020.

November 2019

- We bargain in good faith and are promised exemption and protection.

January 2020

- President Trump signs an Executive Order instructing the DoL to establish requirements that qualified entities must follow to ensure that apprenticeship programs they recognize meet quality standards.
- The DoL starts laying the groundwork to make IRAPs eligible for federal grants.