My name is David Garcia. I am a third-year electrical apprentice. I learned about the ABC apprenticeship program when I was in high school. My mom worked for a company that occupied the same building as FEC Electric Inc., and while Spending time there after school, I became good friends with the FEC electricians. When I graduated, I didn't know what I wanted to do after high school. The electricians from FEC told me of the great career opportunities that the skilled trades can offer soon after I started my career as an electrical apprentice at the age of 18 years old.

Currently, I am contributing to the construction of a fire station on the Morongo Indian Reservation. The knowledge that the projects I am involved in will stand the test of time fills me with a sense of pride. When I pass by these structures in the future, I can proudly say that I was part of their creation. Another significant project I undertook was the installation of the football stadium lights in the high school where I graduated. The joy of contributing to my local community through my work is unparalleled.

My experience as an apprentice at ABC has been nothing short of excellent. The instructors and staff have been more than just educators-they have been mentors, guiding me every step of the way. Their support has given me the confidence to pursue a career in the skilled trades, knowing that I will always have a marketable skill and a livable wage in California.

Thank you,





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