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Statement by Robertson Construction on Ohio Attorney General Lawsuit

Robertson Construction Services, Inc. was notified yesterday that it has been named in a lawsuit filed by the Ohio Attorney General related to quality issues with the facade of Zane State College's Advanced Sciences and Technology Center, a project we are proud to have built in 2013.

We have worked non-stop with Zane State Executive leadership and the Ohio Attorney General's office for the past 24 months to determine the cause of the issues related to the exterior of the building. We are disappointed and saddened that we have been unable to come to a resolution regarding the issues that led to this lawsuit, as multiple forensic experts have documented from extensive testing and research that design failures — and not our construction of the building — was the root cause of these issues.

Even so, we have engaged with the Zane State College team, assisting in developing a safety plan for students and staff to access the building during the investigation stage, as well as sharing the findings of our report to the College. We actively welcomed discussions and attempts to find an equitable resolution this past summer to hopefully resolve the issues and develop a pathway toward a permanent solution that is in the best interest of the College and the community. Unfortunately, our attempts to find a resolution were not successful. Nevertheless, Robertson remains committed to Zane State College, and the State of Ohio, to resolve this matter by addressing temporary protection for the building and finding a permanent solution for the issues with the brick façade.

As a long-time member of the Central Ohio community — with significant ties to Muskingum County where a large percentage of our workforce were born and currently live — we take very seriously any allegation that challenges our reputation as being a contractor committed to the highest-level of quality, craftsmanship, and professionalism. We have completed more than a billion dollars in projects in the last 25 years, which includes a long history of successful projects for Zane State College and the State of Ohio. We are proud of the legacy our company — and most importantly our local workforce — has left on Ohio, especially the landscape of Central and Southeastern Ohio.

Sincerely,

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