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Survivors of Sexual Assault

June 18, 2021

Mr. Christopher J. Palladino, President
New Brunswick Development Corporation (DEVCO)
120 Albany Street, Tower 1
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RE: Timothy Haahs' of Timothy Haahs & Associates Conviction For Sexual Assault

Dear Mr. Palladino

We are writing to express our disappointed with your hiring of the firm of Timothy Haahs & Associates for the design of the new Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey Cancer Pavilion parking garage structure, central utility plant and loading docks. Such a flagship project should be designed by professionals of high moral and ethical character.

Mr. Haahs was arrested in June 2019 and tried and convicted on December 12/02/2020. His firm's press release indicates that he "retired" in December 2020. Was any of this disclosed to you, before or after conviction? We would like to know if his firm was hired knowingly or if you failed to perform your due diligence and conduct a background check. It is particularly frustrating that public monies in some form will likely be used to realize this project in the form of design fees paid to this firm. We have not been able to determine if Mr. Haahs continues to have a financial stake in his firm. We hope you investigate this further and take the appropriate actions.

It is not right that funds are being distributed to a firm's owner of such character and history. I do not think it is desirable to have such a stigma attached to an institution designed by a sex offender.

Disappointingly Yours,

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