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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE  
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Honorable Scott Myers  
Members of the Dover City Council  
Municipal Building  
Dover, New Hampshire

Dear Mayor Myers,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Joint Building Committee who has the fiscal responsibility for the retrofit of the SAU business office at the McConnell Center. The Committee has become increasingly concerned over the manner in which the roof replacement has and will be handled, specifically over the area that the SAU will occupy. While there have been no immediate leaks within the past month, which we attribute to the recent patch repairs, the Committee is very wary of expending \$500,000. for retrofit work that could be potentially damaged due to ineffective or delayed replacement of the roof.

Since the water damage incident in April 2007, the McConnell Center roof issue has been a major topic of discussion for the City Council and Joint Building Committee. The Joint Building Committee already has awarded the retrofit contract through a competitive bid to Bonnette, Page and Stone, and has postponed construction pending the roof assessment and consultation. It is our understanding that the results of that bid were due to the City yesterday.

Before the Joint Building Committee is willing to expend funds for this project, we are seeking a prompt, definitive course of action by the City Council for the replacement of the McConnell Center roof.

I look forward to discussing this with you further.

Sincerely,

  
Jason Hindle, Chairperson  
Joint Building Committee

Cc: Members Joint Building Committee  
J. Michael Joyal, City Manager  
Members City Council  
Members Dover School Board  
Dr. John O'Connor, Superintendent of Schools

*Dover School District Mission Statement*

*The mission of the Dover School District, in partnership with students, family, and community, is to ensure that each child has the opportunity to develop to his or her fullest potential in an academically challenging, supportive, and safe environment.*