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Re: *Atsalis Brothers Painting Co v Department of Transportation*
Court of Claims, No. 2020-000172-MK

Dear Senators, Representatives, and Directors:

MCL 18.1396 directs that the Attorney General notify you in the event of a settlement or consent judgment in excess of $200,000. Accordingly, I am notifying you that, with the concurrence of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), the above case settled for $2,250,000.00.

This was a breach-of-contract case that arose out of a contract to clean and paint the eastbound span of the Blue Water Bridge in Port Huron. The contractor sought over $12.5 million in damages.

Through mediation, the parties reached a settlement of $2,250,000. Had this matter proceeded to trial, damages and attorney fees considerably in excess of the settlement amount were possible.

Sincerely,

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