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Mr. Dick Zandri, President
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Dear Dick:

It is with extreme gratitude that I write you this letter. The work done by Zandri Construction Company on the restoration of the First Presbyterian Church building has been excellent in every regard.

New construction is challenging enough, but restoration work on a building almost 200 years old calls for special skills and abilities. We very much appreciate that Zandri Construction was able to assemble a marvelous team of professionals who accomplished what seemed at times to be impossible. At the end of the project we had a magnificent new roof and ceiling. It is such a pity that all the fine work done with structural steel, the extensive excavation for better drainage, the new wiring, and much of the new masonry work is hidden from view.

Of all the remarkable feats by Zandri, the most impressive was the way in which you perfectly jacked the roof trusses back into alignment. That process will become a part of church history and should be a source of great pride for both Zandri Construction and Mesick, Cohen, Wilson, Baker, our architects.

I had the pleasure of being on site and seeing the work as it was being done, so I have a much greater appreciation of the magnitude of the effort than the average person. The beautiful paint and plaster are only the surface on your work. In this case, I know that the beauty is much more than skin deep, and I thank you and congratulate you on behalf of all of the members of First Presbyterian Church.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Roy, Chairman
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