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**STATEMENT OF ATTORNEY LISA LANIER REGARDING NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL  
OF THE ARTS**

My name is Lisa Lanier. I would like to introduce my colleagues from Lanier Law Group, Don Higley and Bobby Jenkins who will be taking questions in just a bit. The three of us are the boots on the ground here in North Carolina in this case and many others involving the Safe Child Act.

As Gloria mentioned this piece of legislation was very powerful and important. But North Carolina is not the first state to pass this type of law. North Carolina is one of 33 states that have either passed similar legislation or introduced it.

The main goal of this type of law is to extend the SOL for child sex abuse and to create a look back period for previously time barred claims. This extra time for victims is important because study after study has shown that the trauma inflicted on these children takes decades for the victim to get to a point of being able to talk about the abuse and take action.

The look back period is ending for victims in North Carolina on 12/31. It is important for victims to take action as soon as possible in order to preserve their

legal claims. This was my main reason for agreeing to hold this press conference. It is the most important take away from today.

The second takeaway: we want to hear from anyone who has knowledge of the events Gloria described that took place at the NCSA. Faculty and staff have come forward to give us important information about the abuse they witnessed. We want to hear from anyone who would like to share more information with us. We will chase down every lead.

It is easy to reach out to us at [lanierlawgroup.com](http://lanierlawgroup.com) and there is a page on our website dedicated to this case and it has a special telephone number that connects you directly to this team.

We have filed these lawsuits against the NCSA as a class action. We are seeking class certification because under Rule 23 of the NC Rules of Civil Procedure because of the numerosity of these claims. In North Carolina, a class certification is appropriate when the potential class of victims is so numerous that it would be impracticable to bring all class members before the court. In addition to the seven victims in the initial filing, we have already heard from many more victims from different departments within the NCSA and even across different decades.

We are grateful and honored to be working with these courageous victims who have come forward seeking justice and to be sure that reform measures are

put in place so that these horrible things that happened to them are not repeated.

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