



To: Devens Jurisdiction Committee

From: Melissa Fetterhoff, Nashoba Valley Chamber of Commerce

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Re: Vicksburg Square

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Devens has come a long way since base closure. The former base, which could have easily become a vacant eyesore, now boasts two hotels, a golf course, several options for dining, nearly four million square feet of commercial and industrial space, and, most importantly, thousands of job opportunities.

The build-out of Devens is not complete. It is estimated that at completion, there will be nearly eight million square feet of space, and the Nashoba Valley Chamber will do everything it can to ensure that job growth continues. A key step in this process is the creation of more housing at Devens, especially workforce housing.

Major employers looking to relocate to Devens consider many amenities, including infrastructure, access, and tax structure. But the availability of skilled workers and a stable housing supply for those workers plays a key role in relocation and job growth decisions. Currently, Devens and the surrounding towns lack an adequate number of housing options that are affordable.

We at the Nashoba Valley Chamber believe Vicksburg Square redevelopment is an important step in the continued economic expansion of Devens and the region and we support it.