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Dear Merrimack Planning Board:

I write to you today on behalf of the Chelsea Property Group, which is seeking to construct a Premium Outlet Center in Merrimack. Having previously served as a selectman in Wrentham, I fought hard to have the Center located in our town.

As both a selectman and now a legislator I have been fortunate to have the Chelsea Property Group's Wrentham Village Premium Outlets in my district.

The establishment of a shopping center in a town carries numerous benefits, including but not limited to tax revenues. Wrentham's outlet center paid the town \$1.67 million in taxes in this fiscal year alone. The shopping center has been a significant boost to local businesses. According to business owners in Wrentham, the Wrentham Premium Outlet Center has greatly increased their customer counts and sales.

The Chelsea Property Group has contributed to the community in many ways. Not only have the Outlets provided a safe and accessible shopping location and new jobs, but it also has contributed to numerous charitable causes.

It is my understanding that one of the Wrentham Selectman has indicated that if the town's residents were to vote today, they would not vote for the Center. The Selectman in question, lives near the Center and has been opposed to development in that area for some time.

Wrentham and its citizens are deeply grateful for the benefits of the mall and would once again support the project if it came before us today. The area around the mall is continuing to be developed and the Town is eagerly looking for that area to be developed to its conclusion.

In my opinion, your town would benefit greatly from the construction of the Outlet Center, and I would highly recommend making this possible.

Sincerely,


SCOTT BROWN
State Senator

