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His Excellency the Governor Mitt Romney
State House
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Dear Governor Romney:

At their meeting September 13, 2004, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Lexington unanimously endorsed the conceptual plan for expansion of the mission of Hanscom Air Force Base proposed by the Massachusetts Defense Technology Initiative (MassDTI.)

The Town of Lexington supports the Air Force initiatives at the Base and recognizes that Hanscom Air Force Base is ideally positioned for military research and development due to its proximity to the intellectual capital of nearby academic institutions and associated industry. We wholeheartedly support this proposal as we understand and appreciate the role the military serves in keeping our nation safe. Lexington has always partnered with the base on a variety of issues. In addition, we annually honor the role of the military at our town celebrations of Patriot's Day, Memorial Day, and Veteran's Day.

This proposal provides the necessary expansion capability by ensuring that a foot print is available for increased research and development effort at the base, that the physical plant and associated traffic controls are in place to accommodate growth. One of the key factors in reaching consensus on this proposal has been the involvement of HATS at every step in the process. We join the other Hanscom Area towns and HATS in supporting the MassDTI initiative and seek continued collaboration with state and federal agencies, as this conceptual plan becomes reality.