



Dear Chairman Schillerstrom and County Board Members and Forest Preserve President and Commissioners:

On behalf of the 700 business members of the Downers Grove Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry, I am writing you today to urge you to renew the Intergovernmental Agreements regarding Navistar's proposed relocation to the vacant East Lucent Campus in Lisle. Promptly renewing the Intergovernmental Agreements ensures that the project will receive a timely and fair hearing.

As a leading Chamber in DuPage County, I wanted to voice the business community's support for jobs and economic growth. Recently thirty of our Members travelled to Springfield in an effort to support job growth. Please take a few moments to read the Downers Grove Area Chamber of Commerce's [platform](#) distributed to every legislature in Springfield. We have the same message for, and expectations of, our elected officials representing us at the local level.

The retention and expansion of Navistar's campus will spur and sustain further business investments in our region. Through this project 1,700 new jobs will be brought to DuPage County, 800 - 1000 jobs will be created in Illinois, and equally important, Navistar's existing employees and their families, will stay in our region.

If the project is approved, more than 3,100 families will be able to count on meaningful employment from one of our nation's oldest and largest companies. Additionally, Navistar has committed to making a \$100 million investment in the property that will provide employment to the construction trades.

If progress on this project stalls our entire business community will be negatively impacted for years to come. Our business members desperately need the economic activity the relocation and construction project will drive.

We cannot let an opportunity such as this slip through our fingers; losing Navistar's headquarters to another state would be economically devastating. During these strenuous economic times, the private sector and the public sector have a duty to work together to jumpstart economic recovery.

I ask the Forest Preserve District and Board of DuPage County to support our business community during these dire times by renewing the Intergovernmental Agreements and keep progress on this project moving forward.

Sincerely,

Laura Crawford
President & CEO