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State Representative Jason Lewis issued the following statement today:

Recently, John Corcoran and Company, the developer that wants to build a huge new residential complex at Weiss Farm in Stoneham, submitted a revised proposal to MassHousing and the Town of Stoneham. I am disappointed to see that this new proposal maintains the same number of apartment units as the original proposal, and does not address the significant concerns about this development that have been raised by the community. Specifically, I continue to believe that this development proposal does not meet the required "findings" for the issuance of a project eligibility letter from MassHousing due to many serious issues, including: environmental and flood concerns; inappropriate housing density; unsafe traffic; and inadequate outreach to the community. I would like to see the developer engage in a serious and collaborative process with the Town of Stoneham and the community to come up with a development proposal for Weiss Farm that is appropriate in size and scale for this particular site and neighborhood.