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RE: Testimony SB 89

Dear Connecticut Environment Committee:

My name is Tom Baran, a manager at a current small business in Hartford, CT. Through the years of business in the state, we realize the impact of waste on landfills. We are looking to make an impact in the amount of solid waste kept from going to Connecticut's landfills and find a way to help the environment. We are currently setting up a mattress recycling business in Hartford, CT, Charter Oak Recycling. We believe it will ease the burden on the environment.

The city of Hartford alone collects 18,000 mattresses a year (CT DEEP 2011), keeping mattresses out of the waste disposal system benefits more than just the environment these days. There is a demand to reducing the amount of waste in landfills. Benefits in mattress recycling include recycling of parts in a mattress, reduction of taxes and waste fees and giving jobs to those who need it most. The mattress is broken down by a general laborer and creates jobs today, not 5-10 years from now. These types of positions are what is lacking in the job market.

Overall, here are Charter Oak Recycling, we believe that mattress recycling is a smart move for not only the environment but also the economy.

Best Regards,

Tom Baran
Managing Member
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