



NAUGATUCK PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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Environment Committee
Connecticut General Assembly
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Dear Environment Committee;

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for the Mattress Stewardship Bill (Raised Bill SB-89). Mattress disposal is a significant expense for Naugatuck and all Connecticut municipalities, and this initiative can significantly reduce this cost as well as help alleviate the problem of illegal dumping of mattresses.

Product stewardship holds producers responsible for the end of life costs of managing their products. This bill will allow CT DEEP and municipalities to work with the mattress manufacturers to establish a safe and convenient disposal system that encourages recycling as the first disposal option. Encouraging a waste management system that relies on producer responsibility can reduce public costs, increase recycling rates, and drive improvements in product design that promote environmental sustainability.

The effort to establish a mattress stewardship program is an effective way to mitigate the financial and environmental impacts of mattress disposal and I ask you to add your support to SB-89.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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