

Recyc-Mattresses Corp



Members of the Environment Committee of the Connecticut Legislature; my name is Pascal Cohen and I am here to speak in support of Senate Bill 89, An Act Establishing A Mattress Stewardship Program.

I am the owner and President of Recyc-Mattresses, an international mattress recycling company with locations in Canada, US and Europe.

For the last 6 years, Recyc-Mattresses has been recycling over 600 000 mattresses and box springs per year with long term contracts with major retailers, government agencies and waste haulers. Our contractual agreements prohibit any used mattress sales and require every unit to be dismantled and materials recycled. We are obligated to supply quarterly reports of products coming in, recycled, as well as supplying a copy of our waste disposal invoices quarterly as to demonstrate our transparency and explain our recycling percentages.

Through the many stages of our recycling process, which utilizes machinery, we recycle over 95% of the byproduct generated from all mattresses, box springs, futons and foam beds that come through our recycling facilities and hold various contracts with companies for the materials extracted to insure the highest level of recycling rate in the industry.

I came to Connecticut in November 2011, after learning from industry representatives that Connecticut municipalities were engaged in a dialogue about mattress disposal issues. I learned that the mattress disposal is fragmented, costly and not focused on the economic value associated with recycling.

During the last 4 months, I have met with town officials, DEEP permit staff, mattress retailers, community groups to assess the viability of establishing a business in Connecticut and have decided to invest over \$500 000 in the mattress recycling facility in CT. I have a multi-year lease for 17,000 square feet and have begun the permit process, purchased equipment and am looking forward to offering quality recycling services with local employees by April 1st 2012.

Producer responsibility policy can create opportunity for my business to grow, making this project a viable environmentally friendly solution for this waste stream while increasing the state's recycling rate.

I am looking forward to opening my doors to any and all mattresses and to any officials who would like to walk through my new facility.

I hope that this helps in giving you a better understanding of our company and please do not hesitate in contacting me if you have any questions.

Regards,

Pascal Cohen

President Recyc-Mattresses

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