



**Testimony of Connecticut Fund for the Environment  
Before the Committee on Environment**

***In support of HB 6437, AN ACT CONCERNING A MATTRESS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM.***

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*Connecticut Fund for the Environment works to protect and improve the land, air and water of Connecticut. We use legal and scientific expertise and bring people together to achieve results that benefit our environment for current and future generations.*

Dear Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile, and members of the Committee on Environment,

Connecticut Fund for the Environment submits this testimony in support of Proposed HB 6437, An Act Concerning a Mattress Stewardship Program. If passed, this legislation would establish a program for increased post-consumer collection and recycling of mattresses throughout the state.

Currently, hundreds of thousands of mattresses are disposed of in Connecticut each year. These mattresses can account for a significant portion of collected waste by weight and can cost municipalities and taxpayers millions of dollars.

This bill establishes a mattress stewardship program to provide free and convenient mattress recycling opportunities. Mattresses take up a lot of landfill space and are difficult to manage. Not only will a mattress recycling program reduce waste build-up and illegal mattress dumping, but it will also save municipalities money spent on mattress disposal.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

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