



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 HB-6437 An Act Establishing A Mattress Stewardship Program. 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. This year's bill has been revised in collaboration with the International Sleep Products Association (ISPA) to create a program acceptable to both industry and stewardship proponents.

Product stewardship holds producers responsible for the end of life costs of managing their products and this bill will encourage 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 disposal and is a number one priority from Governor Malloy's Modernizing Recycling Work Group. I respectfully ask you to add your support to HB-6437.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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