Town of Mansfield

Resolution Supporting Extended Producer Responsibility for Mattresses

WHEREAS, providing for the disposal of mattresses is a cost to our municipality; and

WHEREAS, long distance hauling to an Ohio bulky waste landfill by the Town's disposal contractor causes greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, mattresses are high volume, cumbersome to handle, expensive to transport, difficult to compact and prone to "float" in landfills; and

WHEREAS, resources are wasted by burying mattresses when the materials could be reused; and

WHEREAS, extended producer responsibility (EPR) places the financial responsibility on manufacturers for the management of their product at the end of its useful life; and

WHEREAS, EPR legislation for electronic waste has saved our municipality thousands of dollars annually to recycle unwanted electronics; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2013 EPR legislation for paint will save our municipality hazardous waste disposal costs and provide residents with a convenient, local location to drop off leftover paint; and

WHEREAS, EPR legislation has created economic opportunity and private sector jobs in Connecticut.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mansfield Town Council, on behalf of the community, supports the passage of EPR legislation for mattresses that will require manufacturers to finance the disposal and recycling of mattresses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Mansfield to be affixed on this 14th day of February in the year 2012.*

Elizabeth Paterson

Elizabeth C. Paterson
Mayor, Town of Mansfield