

House Bill 6437
An Act Establishing A Mattress Stewardship Program
March 8, 2013 10:30 AM in Hearing Room TBD

Co-chairs and Members of the Legislative Environment Committee; I write to support passage of mattress stewardship legislation, HB 6437.

Simply stated, I am a resident of the Town of Windsor Locks where I must pay \$20 to dispose of a mattress and box spring. My local community must charge these fees because of the high cost of disposal of this item. I believe this item can and should be recycled and I understand a recycling facility in Bloomfield, Connecticut can recover most of the material from a mattress through a recycling process for which their charge is \$11 per unit.

It seems to make more sense to deal with mattress disposal the same way we do electronic waste and the upcoming paint recycling program. Manufacturers should work with consumers to make certain items produced and used by consumers can be recycled in an affordable and environmentally acceptable manner.

I'm certainly willing to pay an eco-fee of \$20 when I buy a mattress if I can later dispose of my old mattresses for free and know they will be recycled.

I understand that the mattress stewardship will help towns, residents and increase recycling and jobs in the state. It's a win-win all around. I hope legislative officials will pass this bill during the 2013 session.

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