

Senator Meyer, Rep Gentile and Rep Widlitz:

On behalf of mattress industry representatives (ISPA) and CT Mattress Stewardship Group (CT MSG), I am pleased to report that consensus has been reached on mattress stewardship language. We are grateful to you for your role in encouraging and facilitating collaboration.

I was asked by Reps Gentile and Widlitz to send the “consensus proposed substitute” language for HB 6437 to the Environment Committee Clerk to insure copies are made available for Environment Committee members during the March 8, 2013 public hearing.

What are the changes in the substitute bill?

There are no substantial conceptual changes. Both mattress manufacturers and mattress stewardship proponents had time last summer 2012 to reflect and improve the bill language.

New bill continues to:

- Create an independent industry council, not-for-profit to manage, fund, design and implement a program for discarded mattress from covered entities
- Limit government role to approval and oversight of the plan and review of progress by the legislative branch
- Provide for an eco-fee at retail

The tweaking was in 4 areas:

- administrative process improvements in terms of reporting, plan review and program delivery
- clarification of definitions
- clear-visible eco-fee for consumer education and to insure level playing field for manufacturers
- Clarifications to insure CT model can be replicated nation-wide

Thank you for your on-going support and direction. I will gladly respond to any questions and see you on Friday with Mayor Segarra.

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