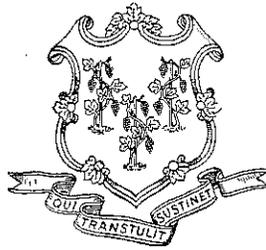


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Good morning Chairmen Meyer and Gentile and the members of the Environment committee. I would like to give testimony on behalf of HB 6437 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MATTRESS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM. I support HB 6437 because it means jobs for Bridgeport. Currently Park City Green processes about 2000 mattresses a month and it supports 5-7 jobs. With passage of this bill Park City Green would be able to process 8000-10,000 more mattresses which will create approximately 15-20 jobs at the facility. The individuals who are hired are generally from the Bridgeport area and a great many of them are individuals who are being given a second chance at life. By supporting this bill you will be able to bring municipal disposal cost down by about 1.3 million dollars.

CT mattress stewardship bill requires all producers to join a single stewardship organization and submit a single stewardship plan to the CT DEEP for approval. It will also create greater efficiency in government oversight with a reduction in government resources. The single plan can provide flexibility for individual producers to establish their own collection program. HB 6437 is good for the environment, good for government and even better for business. I urge this committee to support this bill and move it to the floor for passage.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andres Ayala, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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