



**Testimony of Connecticut Recyclers Coalition  
to the Environment Committee**

**Supporting the concept of  
RB 6597 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HOUSEHOLD BATTERY  
RECYCLING STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM**

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Dear Senator Kennedy and Representative Albis and members of the Environment Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of the concept of RB 6597, An Act Establishing a Household Battery Recycling Stewardship Program.

The Connecticut Recyclers Coalition is a group of corporate, municipal, institutional and private members linked by the common interest in promoting and advancing recycling and related issues in Connecticut. Formed in 1989, CRC assist members in improving and the efficacy of their own programs, educating the community, and advocating policies and programs that make recycling more effective and economical.

CRC supports the establishment of a Stewardship Plan for batteries, but we do believe that more work needs to be done to refine the language in this bill.

- The definitions of batteries used in the language are different than those definitions used in the industry and we believe this will lead to confusion, both in the industry and among the public.
- Curbside and backyard collection of batteries is highly uncommon. Municipal transfer stations and household hazardous waste collections and other convenient and safe collection sites would be better locations for free and accessible battery drop offs.
- All batteries that are generated, whether from residential, commercial or institutional generators, should be included.
- Performance goals must be included with the plan.

These are some of the issues that need to be addressed in this legislation and we hope that conversations will continue to refine the language.

Sincerely,

Kim O'Rourke

President