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Honorable Senator Kennedy
Honorable Representative Albis
Environment Committee

February 13, 2015

Re: SB869 An act establishing a tire stewardship program

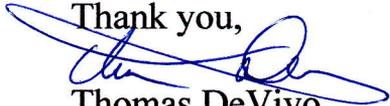
Dear committee members,

I am writing to you today to voice my opposition to bill SB896. I have supported all other product stewardship program as there were opportunities to create jobs in our great state of Connecticut. There are no opportunities to create any Connecticut jobs. I have been in the solid waste field for 30 years, have served on many state recycling and solid waste advisory committees. This bill as written will not enhance Connecticut's lack luster job environment.

I am very concerned that this legislation does not address equipment and vehicle sales. DEEP does not have staff nor authority to regulate used and new car sales from across the state to ensure all the fees are collected to ensure your goals are met.

I also note that the proposed regulations have no bearing where the sums of monies collected are banked. Presently the mattress stewardship monies are banked in Canada. I propose that this idea be sent back to the drawing board, so that jobs can be created and maintained in Connecticut.

Thank you,



Thomas DeVivo

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