



**Environment Committee Public Hearing
March 4, 2016**

SB 232 An Act Concerning the Recycling of Consumer Household Batteries

HazWaste Central is a partnership of the South Central Connecticut Regional Council of Governments, (SCCROG) and the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, (SCCRWA). Created in 1989, HazWaste Central is the first permanent household hazardous waste facility in the state and HazWaste Central's purpose is to protect the region's environment and public water supplies. This regional permanent household hazardous waste collection program represents sixteen municipalities: Bethany, Branford, Cheshire, East Haven, Fairfield, Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Milford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, Wallingford, West Haven and Woodbridge.

HazWaste Central **opposes** **RB 232 – An Act Concerning the Recycling of Consumer Household Batteries**. Instead of adding household batteries to the state's mandatory recyclable list, we believe an all battery stewardship bill should be considered. Connecticut has stewardship laws for electronics, paint and mattresses.

The Connecticut Product Stewardship Council (CTPSC), the battery industry, Product Stewardship Institute, and many other stakeholders nationwide have been collaborating on Battery Stewardship Legislation for several years. Existing infrastructure, such as household hazardous waste collection centers and similar regional programs, can be utilized as collection points.

HazWaste Central encourages members of the Committee to support stewardship programs to help Connecticut's residents properly dispose of their waste and assist the participating municipalities in reducing expenses.

Respectfully Submitted,

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