

Written Testimony in Support of HB1355: Environment - Office of Recycling - Mattress Stewardship Program – Establishment

I am writing in support of HB1355 to help address Maryland's waste management goals.

Mattresses and box springs are often discarded in landfills or illegally dumped, thereby depleting the limited amount of remaining landfill space in the state and placing a burden on local communities.

As very bulky products, these items take up a lot of available landfill space, and local communities often bear the costs of cleanup and disposal for illegal dumping.

Much of mattress material can be recycled if mattresses are broken down.

For these reasons, I am support of this legislation. It makes good sense to have a stewardship plan, avoid landfilling and illegal dumping, and recycle much of the material. This legislation supports Maryland's environmental stewardship goals and benefits local communities.

Please give a favorable report to HB1355. Thanks for considering my views.

Sincerely,

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