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**SUPPORT**

**HB858 - Environment – Office of Recycling – Mattress Stewardship Program – Establishment**

Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee,

**HB858**, which passed the House 90-37 with broad stakeholder support, would establish a state Mattress Stewardship Program. This program will address the pressing issue of mattress disposal in our state and pave the way for a more sustainable and environmentally friendly approach to waste management. Every year, millions of mattresses end up in landfills or incinerators, posing significant environmental and health hazards. These mattresses take up valuable landfill space, contribute to air and water pollution, and contain harmful chemicals that can leach into our ecosystem. Moreover, the inefficient disposal of mattresses creates logistical challenges and adds to the financial burden of waste management. By emphasizing disassembly, reuse, and recycling the legislation is in line with industry supported and environmentally sustainable solutions that successfully implemented in other states over the past 10 years.

It will

1. Reduce landfill congestion and extend existing disposal capacity.
2. The available capacity of landfill space is 49,222,941 tons with 2,283,852 tons being disposed of in CY22 which equates to over 21 years of available landfill capacity in Maryland.
3. Minimize air and water pollution associated with mattress disposal.
4. Promote the recycling of valuable materials found in mattresses, such as steel, foam, cotton, and wood.
5. Support the growth of local recycling industries and create job opportunities in waste management and recycling sectors.
6. Align with Maryland's commitment to sustainable materials management and environmental stewardship.

**HB858** presents a comprehensive Extended Producer Responsibility solution to Maryland's mattress waste stream management that supports our economy and environment.

I urge a favorable report of **HB858**.

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