



Good afternoon. I'm Kevin Daly, President of TurboHaul Mattress Recycling in support of HB 858.

My company operates the largest mattress recycling facility in the Mid-Atlantic out of Baltimore, MD. We have been successfully recycling mattresses for over six years.

During that time, we have recycled over 300,000 mattresses and box-springs, resulting in the diversion of approximately 15,000,000 pounds of waste. A recent analysis by the Mattress Recycling Council shows that each mattress recycled saves 500 gallons of water, conserves enough energy to power a house for three days, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to driving 60 fewer miles.

In 2023, TurboHaul expanded its operations into a new, 18,000 square foot facility. This year we are seeking an additional 50,000 square feet to accommodate the burgeoning mattress recycling needs in the State of Maryland.

At our facility, mattresses are cut open and broken down into their various components. Polyurethane foam is baled for use in carpet padding, insulation, sound proofing, and furniture manufacturing. Steel springs are processed for scrap metal. Wood waste is separated that can be used for mulch, animal bedding, and soil amendments. Shoddy felt pads are reclaimed for use as protective blankets and industrial absorbent pads. And natural cotton and coconut fiber recovered for composting.

As you can imagine, mattress recycling is a very difficult process, requiring well trained and compensated employees, large amounts of warehouse space, and expensive machinery. TurboHaul has invested significantly to support Maryland in its mattress recycling efforts and to provide good jobs, paying well above the minimum wage, with full benefits.

For mattress recycling to succeed in Maryland, it is critical that we ensure a stable and adequate supply of mattresses for recycling markets; and that cities and counties trailblazing the way do not carry an unfair burden of the cost.

That is what HB 858 can provide – equity in the financial support for this necessary program, good paying jobs, and a healthy environment for all Marylanders. Thank you.