By passing a mattress stewardship law, Massachusetts will:

# SAVE MUNICIPALITIES MONEY & SIMPLIFY RECYCLING OPTIONS FOR RESIDENTS

A mattress stewardship policy, such as H.1023, will make it easier and less expensive for Massachusetts residents to recycle mattresses. As of November 2022, mattresses are banned from trash disposal in Massachusetts. As a result, many municipalities now offer mattress recycling, some with an out-of-pocket cost up to $75 per item. With a product stewardship law, there will be one program for all residents.

## A PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP SYSTEM FOR MATTRESSES WILL:

Save local governments money by reimbursing costs to run mattress recycling programs.

Provide free mattress recycling across the state, including multi-unit properties and rural areas.

Reduce illegal dumping by making mattress recycling easy and convenient.

## HOW A PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP SYSTEM WILL WORK

Companies that sell mattresses in Massachusetts will be required to collect a fee to pay for the recycling of mattresses at the end of their life. The collected funds are used to pay local governments (or private haulers) to operate mattress collection sites for MA residents. Product stewardship would save taxpayers $10 million per year, alleviate the burden on municipal employees, and reduce dumping.

## PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP IS A PROVEN SOLUTION

Recycling one mattress saves 500 gallons of water and enough energy to power a home for three days. Four states, including California, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Connecticut, have successfully passed mattress stewardship laws. These laws have proven to save municipalities money, for example, MA municipalities are paying up to $10 per mattress more than our neighbors in CT, who have a product stewardship law.

SEE REVERSE FOR A LIST OF SUPPORTING MUNICIPALITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN MASSACHUSETTS

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# WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FOR MATTRESS STEWARDSHIP ACROSS MASSACHUSETTS

The following municipalities, businesses, and organizations have signed an endorsement of mattress stewardship. Municipalities representing 30% of the state population have voiced their support.

## Local Governments

City of Boston
South Shore Recycling Cooperative (representing 18 municipalities)
City of Cambridge
City of New Bedford
City of Newton
City of Somerville
City of Malden
City of Revere
City of Salem
Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (representing 21 municipalities)
Town of Arlington
City of Leominster
City of Woburn
City of Fitchburg
Town of Braintree
City of Holyoke
Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District (representing 13 municipalities)
Town of Falmouth
Town of Middleborough
Town of Marblehead
Town of Bourne
Town of Abington
Town of Auburn
Town of East Longmeadow
Town of Swampscott
Ipswich Waste Reduction Advisory Committee
Town of Kingston

## Local Governments

Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (representing 10 municipalities)
Town of Tyngsborough
Town of Boxford
Town of Rockport
Town of Harvard
Town of Lee
Town of Wenham
Town of Sherborn
Town of Sheffield
Town of Ashby
Town of Stockbridge
Town of Hinsdale
Town of Shutesbury
Town of Chesterfield

## Businesses

Allonnia
Black Earth Compost
Clean-Seas, Inc.
Helpsy
Manchester Marine
NEC Solar
Pinto Recycling, Inc

## NGOs

350 Mass Berkshires
Cape Cod Anti-Litter Coalition, Inc.
Cape Cod's Faith Communities Environmental Network
Connecticut River Conservancy
Energy and Climate Committees of the Cape and Islands
First Parish Church of Stow and Acton Climate Task Force
Green Newton
Greening Greenfield
Keep Massachusetts Beautiful
Keep Salem Beautiful
League of Women Voters of Mass.
Lee Greener Gateway Committee
Massachusetts Municipal Association
National Stewardship Action Council
Product Stewardship Institute, Inc.
Salem Sound Coastwatch
Saugus Action Volunteers for the Envt.
Seaside Sustainability
Sheffield Saves
Shutesbury Recycling and Solid Waste Committee
Sustainability Committee of Tyngsboro
Wachusett Earthday Inc.
Zero Waste Amherst
Zero Waste Arlington
Zero Waste Melrose