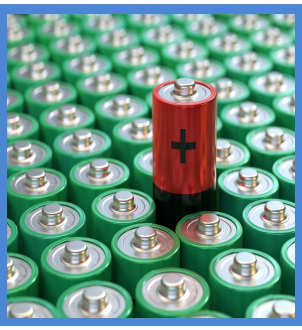

10 REASONS TO SUPPORT EPR FOR BATTERY RECYCLING IN MASSACHUSETTS

A BATTERY STEWARDSHIP LAW WILL:

1. End confusion and misunderstanding around battery disposal with a public education campaign.

2. Significantly reduce the frequency of lithium battery fires in collection vehicles and at transfer stations, MRFs, and other waste processing facilities.

3. Improve safety for first responders and waste management workers.

4. Save millions of dollars from fire damage at public and private waste and recycling facilities.

5. Establish convenient battery drop-off locations in rural and urban areas across the Commonwealth.

6. Save taxpayers money by reducing municipal costs for managing waste operations.

7. Decrease financial and environmental costs of exporting waste to out-of-state disposal sites.

8. Recycle valuable materials locally, creating a closed-loop resource economy.

9. Recover cobalt, graphite, and lithium - *critical minerals* that are strategically important to the U.S., at risk of supply disruptions, and of which there are no easy substitutes. (EPA)

10. Uphold Massachusetts' reputation as a leader in safety by establishing battery stewardship legislation, building on the momentum of bills that have successfully passed in 14 other states and D.C,. including our neighbors in New York, Vermont, Maine, and Connecticut.

H.968, sponsored by Rep. Hogan, will establish a sustainably-funded battery recycling program in Massachusetts.

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