

Testimony In Opposition to H8498 RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RESPONSIBLE RECYCLING, REUSE AND DISPOSAL OF MATTRESSES

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Chair Solomon and Members of the House Corporations Committee:

I submit testimony in strong opposition to H8498. Repealing the Responsible Recycling, Reuse and Disposal of Mattresses law is extremely irresponsible and dangerous. The sponsors of this brainless bill make no attempt to even pretend they know they outcomes and unintended consequences of what will happen if the law was canceled. School age kids across the state know the value of the existing law. Maybe the sponsors should talk to them and learn the value that responsible recycling and reuse has to our state, and the environment these kids will inherit.

Did the sponsors ever consider what will happen to all the stuff that would no longer get recycled and reused when they put this bill forward? What would RI residents and businesses do with all the items and materials that they recycle and reuse today? Spoiler Alert! The stuff would go to the overburdened landfill in Johnston. The stuff would be dumped into woods and waterways where it will pollute these areas and create more blight. The stuff will accumulate on the properties of residents and businesses, who can no longer find legitimate locations to recycle the stuff.

This bill is atrocious and belongs in the garbage along with all the items and materials that the bill will enable. We can do better then H8498. We must.

Please do not advance this reckless bill.

Thank you,

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