



July 23, 2013

Senator Loni Hancock  
State Capitol, Room 2082  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Senator Lou Correa  
State Capitol, Room 5061  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Proposed Amendments to SB 254 Mattress Legislation**

Dear Senators Hancock and Correa:

The undersigned parties would like to commend you for trying to deal with the serious problem of illegal dumping and disposal of mattresses in California. Local governments see these dumped mattresses on a daily basis, in large volumes in many cases, and the collection of these mattresses by local governments act as a drain on limited local government budgets – the same budgets that fund services such a public safety, parks and libraries in addition to other critical community services.

The undersigned organizations support a transition to producer responsibility for managing toxic and problematic discarded products. California local governments have now passed 135 resolutions supporting producer responsibility, representing sixty-three percent of the state's population. The undersigned organizations and agencies believe we need to work together to develop workable, common-sense approaches to creating shared responsibility systems that appropriately deal with end of life disposal for products such as mattresses.

With that, we have spent countless hours reviewing the bill and coordinating between local government and allied partners and together have provided the attached amendments we need to see made to the bill to officially support it. We hope by focusing on the most important amendments and providing specific language, the author's can be certain that by accepting these amendments, you would have our active support for the bill.

We look forward to working with you both on the amendments to get the most support for the bill to get it through the next house and signed into law.

Sincerely,

The signers:

Sean Bigley, City of Roseville

Heidi Sanborn, California Product Stewardship Council

Karen Keene, California Association of Counties

Mary Pitto, Rural County Representatives of California

Jason Rhine, League of California Cities

Paul Philleo, Sacramento County

CC: Carol Mortensen, Director of CalRecycle  
Elizabeth MacMillan, Assembly Natural Resources Committee