

Honorable Members of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee Oregon Legislature 900 Court Street NE Salem, Or 97401

Dear Senators,

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I am writing to ask you to support SB 276, which would establish a product stewardship program for mattress recycling. My organization's mission is to create employment opportunities for people in the Klamath Falls area. We believe this is the best way to empower people and help them build better lives. We are very interested in expanding our mattress recycling operations to create new jobs. We have been operating a small-scale mattress recycling program for one and a half years and it has proven to be an excellent way to employ clients with multiple barriers to employment.

Mattress recycling has great benefits for the environment. It helps local solid waste districts and haulers by taking these bulky hard to handle items out of the waste stream. Mattress recycling programs are also proven job creators. We believe this bill presents a great opportunity to bring much needed jobs to rural Oregon communities. Please vote yes on SB 276.

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