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Senate Committee on Energy and Environment  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Senate Bill 1576: Mattress Stewardship Program

Dear Chair Lieber and Members of the Committee on Energy and Environment,

We are pleased to submit this letter in support of Senate Bill 1576, which would establish a mattress stewardship program in Oregon.

SB 1576 is the product of a multiyear negotiation to bring mattress recycling to Oregon. The entities on this letter worked with Senator Manning, Senator Dembrow, and other stakeholders to craft legislation to create a mattress recycling program in Oregon based on the 501(c)(3) non-profit Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) programs in California, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. Through these programs, MRC recycles over 1.5 million units annually and has recycled over 9 million units total during its six years of operations.

Enacting SB 1576 would increase mattress recycling, establish new convenient locations for residents to drop off their mattress, reduce illegal dumping, and create recycling-sector jobs. Mattresses are highly recyclable and SB 1576 represents a tremendous public-private partnership that would benefit Oregon consumers, local governments, retailers, universities and colleges, hotels, healthcare facilities, and the environment. **We urge your support.**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony,

**Association of Oregon Recyclers**  
**BRING Recycling**  
**City of Eugene**  
**International Sleep Products Association**  
**Mattress Recycling Council**  
**Metro**  
**Product Stewardship Institute**  
**St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County, Inc.**