



September 12, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
 Governor of California
 1303 10th Street, Suite 1173
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RE: AB 187 (C. Garcia) – Mattress Recycling – SUPPORT

Dear Governor Newsom,

The entities listed above proudly **SUPPORT AB 187**, a necessary measure to protect California’s mattress recycling program. We believe the most current proposed amendments to the bill make the program significantly better and protect California Fee payer money and in-state jobs.

Keeping jobs in California and the recycling industry is exactly why we need AB 187 passed this year. AB 187 protects jobs by ensuring the program is sustainably funded and there is no disruption in subsidy payments to the waste haulers and others if the stewardship organization ceases to operate. AB 187 further protects California jobs by prioritizing in-state processing.

Four key areas this bill improves the original legislation:

1. Expanding the **scope** of the program to include futons and mattresses delivered by common carrier.
2. Setting program **goals** to establish metrics for consumer access.
3. Requiring the organization, to develop **strategies** for collecting used mattresses for recycling in areas and communities that face unique challenges associated with proper waste management such as poverty, language barriers, and illegal mattress dumping.
4. Establishing a “**bridge plan**” so if the stewardship organization is revoked for any reason, there is a process to bring the \$40M+ of fee money back to CA to support our businesses and recycling infrastructure.

We commend the author and legislators for including the recommended changes from the Joint Legislative Audit Committee in the bill, as well as suggestions from stakeholders and industry groups collaborating to optimize the program in California. For the reasons listed above and more, we are pleased to **SUPPORT AB 187 (C. Garcia)** and respectfully requests that you **SIGN this bill**.

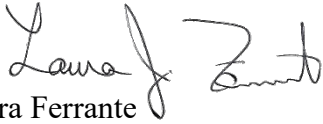
Respectfully,



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