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Zero Waste Caucus

- Launched 2020
- House Co-Chair, Michelle Ciccolo
- Senate Co-Chair Jason Lewis
- Bipartisan & Bicameral
- 48 [Members](#)

Statement of purpose: “To work together to reduce and eliminate solid waste in Massachusetts through legislative action, state and local collaboration, information gathering, education, and public outreach.”

House Members

Michelle Ciccolo, *House Chair*

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The Mattress Waste Ban in the MA Legislature

Zero Waste Caucus Actions on Mattress Recycling

- The Zero Waste Caucus has made efforts to support mattress recycling, and will continue to during the next legislative session through education and awareness building.
- Supported Rep. Philips' bill with a few changes, including sending letters to Ways and Means during the budget process and hosting Rep. Philips at our meetings.
- Visited two mattress recycling facilities in July to learn about the process and how to help best in the legislature

H988 An Act to Establish a Mattress Recycling Program

- Filed by Rep. Philips last session
- Created a mattress stewardship system with a point of sale fee
- Established a mattress council made up of industry folks (retail, producers & manufacturers)
- “Free, convenient, and accessible” recycling program
- Sent to the Environmental Committee (ENRA) and reported out favorably
- Did not advance further
 - Some concerns about consumer protection
 - Desire to ensure the non-profit mattress recycling organizations would be supported through the system

Mattress Tours

Fitchburg Tough Stuff Recycling



Lawrence UTEC



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“Madd Love in Action

Reducing Recidivism through Positive Relationships and Wraparound Supports”

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Today we serve Lowell, Lawrence, and Haverhill, MA and are nationally recognized as a model agency serving justice-involved young adults.”

Other legislative action on Zero Waste

Priority Bills:

Updated Bottle Bill, Rep. Decker, [H3289](#) and Senator Creem, [S2149](#)

Single Use Plastics Omnibus Bill, Rep. Ciccolo, [H869](#) and Senator Lewis, [S579](#)

Producer Responsibility (EPR), Rep. Day, [H878](#) and Senator Rush, [S160](#)

Next Session?

- Continue supporting and working Rep. Philips on mattress recycling
- Continue advocating for DEP and working with that agency on the regulatory framework.
- Work with Federal delegation and industry to ensure manufacturers are producing mattresses that can be recycled?
- Continue pursuing priority legislation to reduce waste and increase recycling.
- Consider taking on additional priority bills such as Electronics Recycling, Rep. Owens' bill