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# Zero Waste Caucus

- Launched 2020
- House Co-Chair, Michelle Ciccolo
- Senate Co-Chair Jason Lewis
- Bipartisan & Bicameral
- 48 <u>Members</u>

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 Mindy Domb Natalie Blais Maria Robinson **Dave Rogers** Lindsay Sabadosa Jay Livingstone Kathy LaNatra Ken Gordon Jack Lewis **Rich Haggerty** Mike Connolly Smitty Pignatelli Norm Orrall Carolyn Dykema Peter Capano Sarah Peake

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List updated 9/27/21

# 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

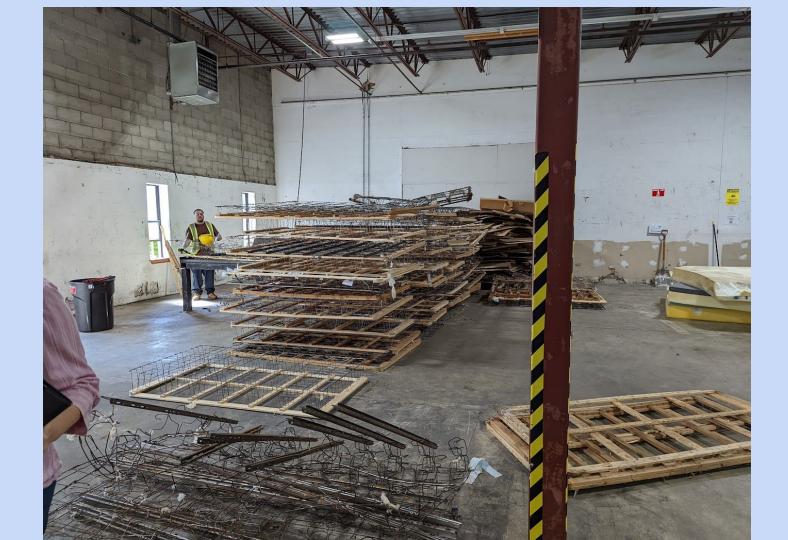
### **Mattress Tours**

Fitchburg Tough Stuff Recycling

#### Lawrence UTEC











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## Other legislative action on Zero Waste

**Priority Bills:** 

Updated Bottle Bill, Rep. Decker, <u>H3289</u> and Senator Creem, <u>S2149</u> Single Use Plastics Omnibus Bill, Rep. Ciccolo, <u>H869</u> and Senator Lewis, <u>S579</u> Producer Responsibility (EPR), Rep. Day, <u>H878</u> and Senator Rush, <u>S160</u>

# 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