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International Sleep Products Association Supports Proposed New York Mattress Recycling Bill

Alexandria, VA — A New York legislature bill to create a statewide mattress recycling program, A.6436-A, is getting attention before the legislature adjourns in early June.

The International Sleep Products Association (ISPA) supports this legislation introduced by Assemblywoman Amy Paulin and applauds her efforts to create fair and responsible mattress recycling based on successful legislation passed in other states.

The bill lays out a recycling program similar to those administered by the Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) in California, Connecticut and Rhode Island. MRC is a nonprofit organization that ISPA established in 2014 to operate recycling programs in states that have passed mattress recycling laws. Since MRC's first program launched in 2015, more than 13 million mattresses have been recycled.

By keeping mattresses out of landfills, MRC's state programs have recycled 500 million pounds of steel, foam, wood and fibers. In addition to creating successful statewide recycling programs, MRC invests in important research activities to find new uses for recycled components.

“Assemblywoman Amy Paulin has introduced a bill that is good for the environment and good for the residents of New York,” said Ryan Trainer, president of ISPA and MRC. “We urge the legislature to pass the bill as it is currently written.”

About ISPA and MRC

Established in 1915, the International Sleep Products Association (ISPA) is dedicated to leading and advancing the sleep products industry. ISPA represents mattress manufacturers and component suppliers globally, offering exclusive surveys, government advocacy, education, the ISPA EXPO trade show, consumer education and insights, and the organization's publications, BedTimes and Sleep Savvy magazines. The Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) is a nonprofit organization that ISPA established in 2014 to operate recycling programs in states that have passed mattress recycling laws: California, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Oregon. MRC recycles nearly 2 million mattresses each year. To learn more, visit www.sleepproducts.org and MattressRecyclingCouncil.org or contact info@sleepproducts.org.

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