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Submitted via email to [mattresses@calrecycle.ca.gov](mailto:mattresses@calrecycle.ca.gov)

Ms. Heather Beckner  
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**Re: Proposed 2018 Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Program Budget**

Dear Ms. Beckner & Ms. Castagneto,

Californians Against Waste (CAW) appreciates this opportunity to provide comments on the Proposed 2018 Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Program Budget (Budget). In the interest of increasing mattress collection, reuse, and recycling under the existing California Mattress Recycling Program (Program), we echo the comments made by the Mattress Advisory Committee (Committee) and request that CalRecycle maintain the current fee of \$11/unit.

The proposed Program Budget recommends that the existing consumer assessment of \$11 be dropped to \$10.50. Though this appears to be a small reduction in the fee, it is important to note that this Program is not operating at its full capacity and the appropriate investments have not been made. Increased funding to mattress collection and processing incentives and greater investments in California markets utilizing recycled mattress materials through increased market development payments will be necessary to meet our State's diversion goals. California must maintain a consistent source of revenue for the Program while drawing down on surplus funds with necessary funding increases to these initiatives.

Please note the importance of these same statements by the Committee, a comprehensive and diverse group of representatives from the local government, private, solid waste and environmental sectors, all of whom are interested in seeing this program reach its full capacity.

For these reasons, CAW urges you to maintain the existing \$11 consumer fee.

Sincerely,

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