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Dear Sirs:

I just received notice from the Mattress Recycling Council that the State is reviewing whether or not to revise its mattress recycling fee from \$11.00 per unit sold to \$10.50 per unit.

We are a small not-for-profit organization which sells approximately 225 re-manufactured mattress units per month spread across our eighteen charity thrift stores in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. We have been collecting and remitting the mattress recycling fee since it was first instituted in December 2015. Furthermore, we have maintained a reuse/recycle arrangement with our favorite mattress re-manufacturer for longer than anyone can remember. Thus we have ensured that the well over one thousand donated used mattresses we collect each year are always disposed of in an environmentally favorable way.

Because of our small size and the nature of our business, we operate with very basic, rather unsophisticated point of sale systems. The result is that our approximately 175 minimum wage employees have to REMEMBER to charge the appropriate recycling fee each time we sell a mattress, foundation or combination thereof. There is no way, absent a significant investment in new and otherwise unnecessary equipment, that we can automatically charge the required fees.

While we would argue that given our recycling history, such a fee was neither appropriate nor necessary for our business, we nevertheless complied without complaint. But we must say that charging the mattress recycling fee creates an undue burden on our staff. For that reason, please DO NOT change the fee to other than an even dollar amount. Changing the fee to something other than an easy to remember even-dollar amount is just going to cause more confusion at the point of sale and cost our charity more money when we are required to remit fees that we occasionally forget to charge the customer at the time of purchase. Keeping the formula as simple as possible would help greatly in ensuring that our hard earned funds go to help our local disabled population.

Thank you for your consideration.

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