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The Honourable Tamara Davidson  
Minister of Environment and Parks  
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**Via email: [ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca)**

Dear Minister Davidson:

**RE: REQUEST FOR INCLUSION OF MATTRESSES AND FOUNDATIONS IN NEXT UPDATE TO RECYCLING REGULATION**

On behalf of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board, I am writing to urge your ministry to reconsider its recent decision not to include mattresses and foundations in the Recycling Regulation amendment that was passed in October 2025.

Local and regional governments across British Columbia (BC) have long advocated for and supported the ministry's previous plan to implement Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for mattresses, including resolutions from the Union of BC Municipalities in 2014, 2020, and 2025.

Like many of our peers, the CRD is currently subsidizing the high cost of end-of-life management and recycling for mattresses while our member municipalities fund the collection, hauling, and tipping fees for these frequently dumped items. An EPR program for mattresses and their foundations, as previously endorsed by the Province, will shift the financial and logistical burden of mattress disposal from local governments to producers, much like the dozens of products already included in BC's Recycling Regulation. This new EPR program for mattresses will also extend the life of landfills across the province, scale and foster the development of a sustainable recycling market for these products and support the Province's own ambitious waste per capita target.

The CRD appreciates the ministry's inclusion of automotive products, compressed canisters, emerging electronic products, and medical sharps in its recent EPR program expansion. However, mattresses and foundations remain a priority product for the CRD Board, and we are united with many local governments across BC in our continued request that they be added to the Recycling Regulation at the earliest opportunity possible.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue further with you or your staff and thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Cliff McNeil-Smith'.

Cliff McNeil-Smith  
Chair, Capital Regional District Board

cc: CRD Board  
Ted Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD