

Solid Waste Department

Date: November 11, 2025

Re: Regional Mattress Recycling

Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to provide the La Crosse County Solid Waste Department's unequivocal support for the proposed Mattress Recycling program at Green Circle Recovery. The program meets with Wisconsin's waste management hierarchy and similar programs have received positive support from local boards, area stakeholders and residents. Additionally, mattress recycling aligns very well with the County's diversion goals and will provide an important resource for the five (5) Counties we serve.

Discarded mattresses represent a significant portion of bulky waste in our solid waste stream and present ongoing challenges for transportation, storage, and landfill compaction and capacity. A structured recycling initiative will help divert these difficult to manage items from landfills, curtail increasing operation costs, and recover valuable materials such as steel, foam, wood and fibers for reuse in new products or energy production.

La Crosse County Solid Waste is committed to collaborating and supporting our local partners and recycling facilities, these partnerships have resulted in the diversion of materials: supporting preservation of valuable landfill air space and conservation of our natural resources. These private/public partnerships have also provided jobs and a benefit to the local economy. Green Circle Recycling and Green Circle Recovery have demonstrated that not only do they think innovatively, but they also implement programs that provide long-term sustainable benefits to our region.

La Crosse County has taken great pride in our ability to provide sustainable and cost-effective waste management services for the region we serve while maximizing diversion and support of energy programs. This program would provide an opportunity to expand regional programs, increase regional diversion/recycling and conserve our natural resources. We are excited about this project and our ability to support this recycling program moving forward.

Sincerely,

Jadd Stilwell, Director

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