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I'm tired of seeing discarded mattresses along the roadways

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To The Daily Sun,

I want to thank the voters who voted for me in the primary. Education is my focus but there are other issues. The state needs to move towards more stewardship programs or extended producer responsibility (EPR). City of Franklin stopped recycling because they were not in demand, which put the recyclables into the waste stream again.

The state of N.H. needs to be prepared by providing programs to take the mattresses, carpet and paint out of the waste stream. In Connecticut, they have a company that picks up the mattresses at your place without a charge. In 2015, Connecticut's first year of the program, they recycled 63.5 percent of the discard mattresses and saved 1.7-million cubic feet of landfill space, according to the Product Stewardship Institute website on mattresses.

I do not know about you but I'm getting sick of seeing mattresses along the side of the road and the woods. Carpet can be dropped off at the dump and a company pick it up to be recycled. Paint can be removed and recycled. Another program that is not an EPR is composting. Once again, our New England neighbors have this program. If we have major facilities like schools, colleges and hotels compost if there is a nearby facility or business to pick up then they can compost. This exist in the seacoast area. These programs do create jobs. As state representative, I will support these initiative and programs. I will introduce legislation if needed.

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