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Senator Brian Kavanaugh
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Email to: kavanagh@nysenate.gov

RE: Support to Reintroduce Textile EPR Legislation in New York

Dear Senator Kavanaugh,

The California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) would like to express our continued support for your legislative efforts advancing textile extended producer responsibility (EPR) in New York. As the sponsor of California's [Senate Bill 707 \(SB 707, Newman\), the Responsible Textile Recovery Act of 2024](#), CPSC remains committed to supporting legislative efforts like this through advocacy, resource development, and stakeholder engagement. **We respectfully urge you to reintroduce a textile EPR bill in the forthcoming legislative session with similar language to SB 707 (Newman), including more comprehensive provisions for reporting, enforcement, and stakeholder engagement.**

For over a decade, CPSC has led efforts in product stewardship for challenging materials, including textiles. Key factors in the successful passage of SB 707 (Newman) include:

- **Accessible Education and Resources:** EPR is complex, stakeholders need free education to understand the proposal. [CPSC's Textile Stewardship Resource Hub](#) provides comprehensive tools, reports, and case studies to inform stakeholders and support EPR implementation.
- **Legislator Education:** Legislators need to understand why producer-funded programs are equitable and effective. CPSC facilitated productive dialogue among labor, environmental, government, and business leaders to address key environmental and economic issues.
- **Coalition Leadership:** Through the [Statewide Textile Recovery Act Taskforce \(STRAT\)](#), CPSC fosters collaboration among brands, government, and nonprofits to advance textile stewardship policies. With over 100 participants, STRAT is available to support and advocate for a NY Textile EPR bill in 2025!

New York generates significant volumes of textile waste annually, with an estimated 1.4 billion lbs. pounds discarded by businesses and residents each year.¹ These textiles, often sent to landfills or incinerators, while contributing to environmental degradation and lost economic value. Addressing this challenge requires robust legislative action to promote reuse, repair, recycling, and proper disposal mechanisms.

We commend New York and your leadership in introducing NY S0 6654 (Kavanaugh) in 2023, marking a significant step forward in addressing the growing challenges of textile waste. California's success with SB 707 (Newman, 2024) has demonstrated the critical role of legislative action, but addressing textile waste on a national scale requires other states to follow suit. New York's passage of a textile EPR bill would not only tackle its own textile waste crisis but build momentum for the broader adoption of similar policies across the country.

¹ New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. "Textile Reuse & Recycling." Accessed January 7, 2025. [link](#).

We encourage the introduction of a new textile EPR bill in the upcoming legislative cycle that upholds high standards for transparency and accountability. Areas that we believe can raise the bar for textile recycling are with repair and laundering requirements, which have the greatest GHG reduction impact per programmatic dollar.

To further support your work, we are sharing draft legislative language in an editable format for your consideration. CPSC and STRAT are available to assist by providing resources, data, and policy expertise to engage the textile industry and build support for New York's proposed legislation. Please contact CPSC if additional guidance or collaboration is needed to move this important initiative forward.

Sincerely,



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References:

- [CPSC's SB 707 Webinar](#)
- [CalRecycle Textile Stewardship](#)
- [Holland & Knight Alert \(Oct 2024\) A Closer Look at California's Recently Passed Responsible Textile Recovery Act](#)
- [Vogue Business \(Jul 2024\) California Advances Bill to Hold Fashion Accountable for its Waste](#)
- [Sourcing Journal \(Nov 2024\) Resale and Recyclers Are Gearing Up for California's Textile EPR](#)
- [CPSC \(Nov 2024\) Countdown to SB 707 Webinar](#)