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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Legislators Announce Warren Recycling Grants**

**BOSTON** – **Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer)** and **Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren)** are pleased to announce that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) has awarded grants to Communities throughout the Commonwealth under its Sustainable Material Recovery Program. These grants increase the diversion, reuse, composting and recycling of materials which will decrease the disposal of municipal and household waste. As part of the program, Warren will receive \$16,000. Of this total, \$7,500 will be used for mattress recycling equipment, \$6,000 will be for a “shed for swap shop” and \$2,500 will go towards a mattress recycling incentive.

“Congratulations to the town of Warren on receiving these incredibly helpful recycling grants,” said Senator Gobi. “Mattress recycling is a cumbersome project to tackle for small communities and these funds will help to keep them out of the waste stream.”

“These funds will allow Warren to expand on their already exemplary recycling and waste reduction efforts,” said Representative Smola. “This is a great example of state and local government working together to protect the environment.”

The Sustainable Materials Recovery Program was created under the Green Communities Act and is administered by MassDEP. The program offers funding for recycling, composting, reuse and source reduction activities that will reduce the amount of waste disposed of in landfills and incinerators. Waste prevention and recycling reduces greenhouse gas emissions by capturing the embodied energy in everyday product and packaging waste and converting these sources into new products with a smaller carbon footprint.

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