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Connecticut Environment Committee  
Legislative Office Building  
300 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: HB 5017 AN ACT CONCERNING PARTICIPATION IN THE TIRE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM  
BY RETAILERS

Dear Members of the Connecticut Environment Committee,

On behalf of the SCRRA Board I am writing to express our strong support for the Tire Stewardship law with several amendments. As the party responsible for recycling in Southeastern CT we believe that expanding the scope of this law to include retailers is crucial for several reasons.

Firstly, including retailers in the Tire Stewardship law will ensure that the responsibility for tire disposal is shared more equitably across the supply chain. Retailers play a significant role in the sale and distribution of tires, and it is only fair that they also contribute to the proper disposal and recycling of used tires. Secondly, this inclusion will help to reduce the environmental impact of tire waste. By holding retailers accountable, we can ensure that more tires are recycled and fewer end up in landfills or illegal dumping sites. This will not only protect our environment but also promote a more sustainable and circular economy.

In addition to the inclusion of retailers in the program we also believe that the use of municipal transfer stations should be limited to individuals and organizations within that municipality's borders. Transfer stations are designed to supply the needs of the community they serve and open them to additional communities' risks overwhelming the existing infrastructure.

In conclusion, we urge the Connecticut Environment Committee to amend the Tire Stewardship law to include retailers and to have adequate controls to protect municipal transfer station operations. These changes will lead to a more comprehensive and effective approach to tire waste management in our state.

Thank you for considering our views on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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