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

SUBJECT: HB 5019 AN ACT ESTABLISHING EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
CONSUMER BATTERIES.

Dear Members of the Connecticut Environment Committee,

On behalf of the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SECOG), I am writing to express **support** for HB 5019, the consumer battery Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program. [SECOG's Legislative Agenda for the 2025 Session of the General Assembly](#) identifies solid waste disposal as a priority item for legislative action, specifically highlighting the need for expanded EPR programs. In 2023, SECOG was asked to convene a subcommittee of elected officials and staff to review and propose solutions to the rising cost and complexity of processing municipal solid waste. The subcommittee's findings are summarized in [SECOG's August 2024 Solid Waste Report](#), which included a recommendation (#6) for legislative action to expanded Extended Producer Responsibility programs. Legislative action items in the report align with local needs and priorities in our region, and are the result of collaboration between SECOG staff, municipal elected officials, and waste management professionals working together as a subcommittee.

Through the adoption of this bill, we hope to see a reduction of batteries being improperly discarded, reducing costs to municipalities for disposal as well as negative impacts to the environment.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to support this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amanda E. Kennedy".

Amanda E. Kennedy, AICP  
Executive Director