Extended Producer Responsibility Legislation in the States

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States Currently Working on EPR Framework or Carpet-Specific Legislation

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Some examples follow....
**California**

**Carpet:** AB 2398 Passed in 2010  
Implementation Began July 2011

**Paint:** Architectural Paint Recovery Program

**Framework:** California Product Stewardship Act

**Fluorescent Lighting:** California Lighting Toxics Reduction and Recycling Act

**Batteries:** Product Stewardship for Household Batteries
Delaware

**Carpet Specific** –
(HJR 8) To create a carpet recycling committee

Passed out of House and Senate

Waiting for Governor’s signature
**EPR:** (LD 1631) Only state to have passed framework legislation – has yet to be implemented
Framework (A. 06293) Product Stewardship Legislation

Paint (A. 00953) Paint Stewardship pilot Program

Carpet Specific (A. 08492) Establishes a Carpet Stewardship Program
Vermont

**Framework:** (H. 485) continues to have the language related to EPR that was added early April by the Senate Chair. There are a lot of moving pieces to this legislation.
What is CRI Doing?

- Monitoring legislation
- Coalition building
- Working with stakeholders
- Meeting with bill sponsors
- Testifying
- Traveling to work sessions to provide input
Legislative Tracking Service
Daily review
Formation and formalization of the Product Management Alliance

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NEWS FROM PMA

FEB 10

The Vermont House Committee on Natural Resources and Energy scheduled a possible vote on H.486, a bill examining the solid waste landfill capacity in Vermont.

JAN 31

The Rhode Island House Environment and Natural
Working with Stakeholders

- CRI Members
- Sales force
- Retailers
- Community
- Grassroots
- Construction & manufacturing associations, Chambers of Commerce
Meeting with bill sponsors

Educate!!!!

- CRI who we are...what we do
- CARE
- Voluntary v. mandatory
Testify at Committee Hearings

- Opposed to mandates
- Opposed to landfill bans
- California...AB 2398
Legislative work sessions

- Actively Participate
- Educate
What’s next??

2013

- Bills likely to reappear in multiple states
- Both framework and carpet-specific
Path forward

Same strategy

- Outreach
- Educate
- CRI member involvement
- Stakeholder and coalition engagement

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Questions
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