



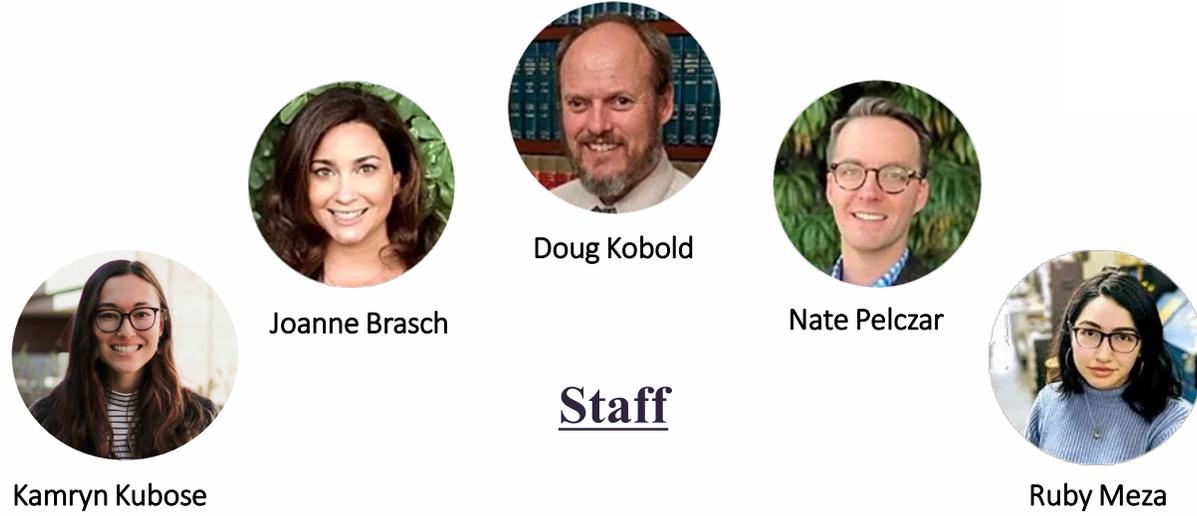
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Legal and Regulatory Barriers and Opportunities for a Textiles Circular Economy

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Background: Textiles Policy

1. Complex industry, domestic brands untethered to global supply-chains with federal pre-emptions.
2. Barriers to recycling, such as blends, toxics & labeling, potentially greater than packaging.
3. As a necessary good, issues of equity and access cannot be ignored and should be regenerated.
4. **Things to avoid with textile policies: material monopolies, deterrence from reuse/repair, and unfair access**

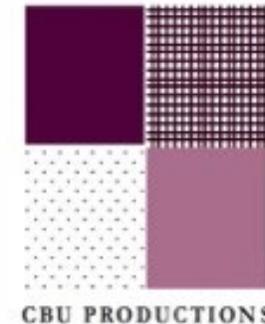


CPSC Hosted Statewide Textile Recover Advisory Committee

Report to Legislature coming soon



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Textile Stewardship Policy Priorities

Goals: Increase cross-sector engagement, job creation and market development, consumer protection

Local Policies

1. Green Purchasing to include contracts with repair and recycling
2. Recycle uniforms and buy with recycled content
3. Partnerships with charities require reporting and recycling
4. Public database of textile processors

State Policies

1. Tax incentives for repair
2. EPR for segments, such as Hospitality to reduce costs & footprint for an impacted industry
3. PFAS & Microplastics
4. Education and outreach

Federal Policies

1. Removing subsidies on virgin fossil fuels
2. Unfair tariffs on treated and recycled textiles
3. Invest in sustainable ag and fiber recovery
4. PFAS & Microplastics
5. Labeling standards

EPR vs Stewardship Spectrum

Every program is different – Read enacting legislation and regulations

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Figure. CPSC’s stewardship spectrum graphic highlights the differences in funding sources and levels of responsibility from the industry.



Lessons Learned from Other EPR and Stewardship Programs

Funding mechanisms need to include producer payments

- Protect public fee money!
- Off-ramps for small businesses and industry leaders
- Eco-modulated fees

Government oversight and enforcement are KEY

Recalcitrance and motivation to destroy materials over reuse

Performance standards vs mandates

- Recycling and reuse rates
- Efficiency rates
- Convenient collection
- No ban without a plan! Build bans into EPR, such as bans on incineration



Questions?

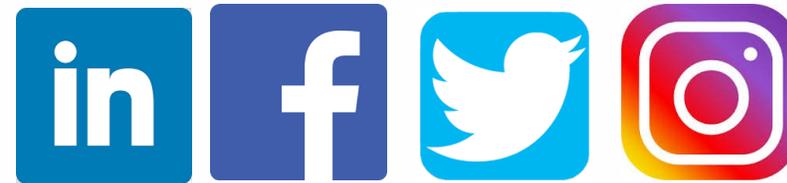
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