

February 7, 2023

The Honorable Brian J. Feldman
Senate Education, Energy & the Environment Committee
Miller Senate Office Building,
2 West Wing 11 Bladen St.,
Annapolis, MD, 21401

RE: SB 260 Maryland Paint Stewardship

Dear Chairman Feldman:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **SB 260 Maryland Paint Stewardship**. MBIA **Supports** the Act in its current version.

This bill would establish a statewide program for paint recycling in Maryland. According to estimates from the International Paint Recycling Association 1.3 million gallons of paint are generated in the state every year. MBIA members are large scale paint consumers and we would like the opportunity to contribute to the environmental health of our community through responsible paint management. This is a simple step that we can take to improve our environmental health and corporate responsibility. Additionally, this legislation would relieve the financial burden on municipalities as they struggle to manage the excess paint.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully requests the Committee give this measure a favorable report. Thank you for your consideration.

For more information about this position, please contact Lori Graf at 410-800-7327 or lgraf@marylandbuilders.org.

cc: Members of the Senate Education, Energy & the Environment Committee