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THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
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RE: Testimony for HB 18 Maryland Paint Stewardship Program

Good Afternoon Environment and Transportation Chair, Vice Chair, and Members,

HB 18 establishes the **“PaintCare” Program in Maryland**. There are **currently 11 established programs across the county** (California, Colorado, Connecticut, D.C., Maine, Minnesota, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington). If passed, again, Maryland will be the 12th established **program**. Last year as HB127, and as HB890 in 2020, this committee passed this legislation. The bill has passed the house two years in a row and made it to 3rd reader in the Senate last session.

Ten percent of all paint purchased in the U.S. – about \$78 million gallons per year – goes unused.

According to The Paint Stewardship Institute (PSI), it “costs more than \$500 million to manage” end-of-life in the U.S., an average of \$8 per gallon to recycle. **About 80% of that 10% of paint can be recycled into new paint.** Created by the American Coatings Association, paint manufacturers, PaintCare’s nationwide goal is to decrease paint waste and recycle more postconsumer paint by setting up drop-off locations in each state. The program is funded by a fee placed on each container of paint sold in the state that is between a pint and five gallons. The fee fully funds the program, including the yearly independent audit.

PaintCare partners with paint and hardware stores, as well as solid waste Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Programs, to identify and create voluntary drop-off sites throughout the year.

Partnerships with HHW programs and government collection programs reduce yearly cost in transportation, recycling, and proper disposal. **Postconsumer paint is often the number one product, by volume and cost, coming into HHW programs nationwide.**

The U.S. has 119 **EPR (extended producer responsibility)** laws on 14 products in 33 states and D.C. EPR products include items such as batteries, mattresses, medication, carpet, e-products, and syringes. The bill before you today is an example of an EPR law requesting establishment in Maryland for paint recycling.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I again ask for a favorable report for HB 18.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Regina T. Boyce".

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