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Re: Support for House Bill 255 – Maryland Paint Stewardship Program

Dear Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

Clean Harbors supports HB 255, the Maryland Paint Stewardship Program.

Clean Harbors is North America's leading provider of environmental, energy and industrial services. The Company serves a diverse customer base, including a majority of Fortune 500 companies. Its customer base spans a number of industries, including chemical, energy and manufacturing, as well as numerous government agencies.

Clean Harbors currently works with PaintCare in several states including Maine, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Minnesota, Colorado, California, Washington, and Oregon. In these states, Clean Harbors provides transportation and recycling of paint from collection centers, as well as labor and equipment for paint collection events. With these services, we ensure that residents and paint retail locations have a positive experience while managing discarded paint responsibly.

Clean Harbors has 4 facilities and employs 170 people in Maryland. Based on our experience in other states that have passed a paint stewardship program, it is expected that HB 255 would result in a significant number of new employment opportunities in the state.

HB 255 will enable the paint industry to develop and implement a post-consumer paint management system for the reuse, recycling, and proper disposal of paint in Maryland. Clean Harbors appreciates your support of this important legislation, and we look forward to working with PaintCare, retail partners, the Maryland Department of the Environment, and local Household Hazardous Waste programs in Maryland to implement the program upon successful passage of this bill.



HB 255 will provide a convenient network of collection centers for Maryland residents and divert thousands of gallons of leftover paint from landfills at no cost to the State of Maryland. In addition, the PaintCare program operates in cooperation with existing municipal facilities and saves them money by covering the costs of managing paint. PaintCare is already operating in eleven jurisdictions including Maine, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Minnesota, Colorado, California, Washington, Oregon, and the District of Columbia. HB 255 outlines the specific elements for a successful industry-run paint stewardship program in Maryland, including a sustainable funding mechanism and a fair, level playing field for both manufacturers and retailers.

Thus, we thank you for your support of this bill and urge you to move this forward for a full vote.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Will F Connors". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

William F. Connors
Senior Vice President, Compliance
Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Incorporated