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Environment and Transportation Committee
House Office Building, Room 251
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Support for House Bill 1 – Maryland Paint Stewardship

Dear Chairman Korman and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Sherwin-Williams Company and as a Board Member of PaintCare, I write to ask your support of HB 1, **Maryland Paint Stewardship**. Across the state of Maryland, Sherwin-Williams operates 90 retail locations and three manufacturing facilities with a total of 945 employees. HB 1 will contribute to the continued vitality of the paint and coatings marketplace in Maryland and provide positive economic and environmental benefits.

This bill establishes a convenient paint recycling program at no cost to the state of Maryland. It provides an easy way for consumers to drop-off their leftover paint at retail sites that voluntarily choose to participate in the program. A Maryland Paint Stewardship program could create financial savings for Maryland counties currently directing dollars for individual paint recycling programs.

PaintCare, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, which operates paint stewardship programs on behalf of the paint industry in jurisdictions with paint stewardship laws, has collected and recycled over 70 million gallons of paint since 2010 at over 2,400 drop-off sites across the country. Most of the paint collected is used as recycled content paint products, while the remaining paint is used in a wide range of applications, depending on the type of paint, such as concrete mixtures, landscaping materials, or as a component of daily cover for landfill management. A small percentage of dry latex paint is securely disposed of if no other use can be found. Oil paints are generally sent to processors to become fuel.

Sherwin-Williams stores currently participate in a network of volunteer collection sites for PaintCare in 11 other states, with Illinois's PaintCare program expected to begin accepting paint in 2025.¹ We have found that not only does the program allow us to provide a benefit to the community but also for our customers including both paint contractors as well as do-it-yourselfers. They understand that this program and its' related fee associated with paint purchases leads to environmentally sound recycling and reuse of unused paint. Passage of HB 1 will enable our stores in the state and all Marylanders to have the opportunity to participate in an effective paint recycling program.

We appreciate your consideration of this legislation and ask you to vote YES on HB 1. If you have questions, please contact me at steve.revnew@sherwin.com.

Sincerely,

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1. PaintCare States: California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Maine, Minnesota, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington.