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Honorable Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee
Room 251
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

PPG Industries, Inc. (PPG), a U.S.-based company founded in 1883 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is a global manufacturer of paints, coatings, and specialty materials. At PPG, our 50,000 employees in 70 countries bring life to our purpose and promise: WE PROTECT AND BEAUTIFY THE WORLD™. We develop and deliver the paints, coatings, and specialty materials that our customers have trusted for more than 140 years. Through dedication and industry-leading expertise, we solve our customers' biggest challenges, collaborating closely to find the right path forward. PPG has a long heritage of, and commitment to, innovation, safety, sustainable production development, and community engagement.

We write today to make you aware of our support for House Bill 1 (HB 1). HB 1 would 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. PPG encourages passage of this important legislation, and we look forward to working with the Maryland Department of the Environment and the paint and coatings industry to implement the program upon enactment of this bill.

HB 1 would 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. Paint stewardship programs already operate in jurisdictions including California, Colorado, Connecticut, Maine, Minnesota, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, and the District of Columbia. HB 1 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.

We believe HB 1 would establish a paint stewardship organization that benefits the State of Maryland's environment and economy, and we respectfully encourage you to move this bill forward. Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kevin Baird' in a cursive script.

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