

**Testimony in Support of HB1: Maryland Paint Stewardship**

This testimony is in support of HB1/SB325 to establish a paint stewardship program for Maryland.

This legislation is an important step in reducing and managing waste in Maryland, and in protecting our waterways, environment and public health from negative impacts. We need to do everything we can to protect the natural resources that are a foundation of our lives.

Paint collection is one of the costliest components of household hazardous waste management. The proposed Paint Stewardship program would establish a program for disposing of household paint at the end of its product life that would be more convenient to consumers and less costly for local jurisdictions.

The proposed program provides for collection so that at least 90% of Maryland residents have a collection site that is within a 15-mile radius, and that urban areas have an additional site for every 50,000 residents. The program would be a significant step forward in good product stewardship.

For these reasons, I urge a favorable report.

Sincerely,  
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