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Delegate Joseline Pena-Melnyk
240 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Opposition to House Bill 1208

Dear Chair Pena-Melnyk Buckson,

The International Association of Color Manufacturers (IACM) is opposed to House Bill 1208 because it is unnecessary. IACM is the association representing the global color industry, comprised of manufacturers and end-users of natural and synthetic color additives that are used in foods, drugs, and cosmetics.

On January 15, 2025, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) amended its color additive regulations to no longer allow for the use of FD&C Red No. 3. However, the FDA explicitly stated that there is no evidence showing FD&C Red No. 3 causes cancer in humans and remains safe for human consumption.

We share a commitment to providing safe and nutritious food to families. Restrictions pertaining to FD&C Red No. 3 as proposed in HB 1208 are unnecessary considering recent FDA action. IACM invites you to visit our public [Color Library](#) to learn more about FD&C Red No. 3 and other color additives that are used in the U.S. and globally.

IACM thanks you for your consideration of our comments and we urge you to oppose HB1208

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sarah A. Codrea'.

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cc: Members of the House Health & Government Operations Committee