

February 15, 2023

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve
Environment & Transportation Committee
House Office Building, Room 251,
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD, 21401

RE: Letter of Support HB 255 Maryland Paint Stewardship

Dear Chairman Barve:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **Letter of Support HB 255 Maryland Paint Stewardship**. MBIA **Supports** the Act in its current version.

This bill would establish a statewide paint stewardship program. This bill would promote reuse and responsible disposal of excess paint. According to the International Paint Recycling Organization 10% of paint purchased by Maryland residents becomes leftover paint. This paint has a disposal cost of approximately \$10 million per year. This bill would establish a more convenient program for responsible paint disposal that would be an environmental benefit to the state as well as potentially reduce these costs by passing them directly to manufacturer's who will be incentivized to find convenient and cost effective ways to dispose of paint. MBIA, as a major generator of excess paint would appreciate a program to make it easier for us to take positive environmental steps.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully requests the Committee give this measure a favorable report. Thank you for your consideration.

For more information about this position, please contact Lori Graf at 410-800-7327 or lgraf@marylandbuilders.org.

cc: Members of the House Environment & Transportation Committee