



**TO:** The Honorable Kumar P. Barve  
Members, Environment and Transportation Committee  
The Honorable Regina T. Boyce

**FROM:** Mike Siegel, Vice President  
W.S. Jenks & Son

**RE: SUPPORT - HOUSE BILL 255 – Maryland Paint Stewardship**

Dear Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee

W.S. Jenks & Son supports 255, the Maryland Paint Stewardship Program.

We are a retail hardware store that is a part of the Paint Care Program Washington D.C. The program has been a great resource for our community in the actual disposal of paint, as well as an educational resource for consumers on the environmental benefits of proper paint disposal.

HB 255 will 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. W.S. Jenks & Son appreciates your support of this important legislation and we look forward to working with PaintCare, the Maryland Department of the Environment, and local Household Hazardous Waste programs to implement the program upon successful passage of this bill.

HB 255 will 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 of Maryland. In addition, the PaintCare program operates in cooperation with existing municipal facilities and saves them money by covering the costs of transporting and processing leftover paint. PaintCare is already operating in eleven jurisdictions including Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont, Maine, California, Oregon, Washington, Colorado, Minnesota, New York, and the District of Columbia. HB 255 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.

Thank you for your support of this bill and we respectfully urge you to move this forward with a favorable report.

Sincerely,

Mike Siegel,  
Vice President  
W.S. Jenks & Son