

**TESTIMONY FOR HB0255**  
**Maryland Paint Stewardship**

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Boyce  
Committee: Environment and Transportation  
Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition  
Person Submitting: Jared Schablein, Chair  
Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB0255 on behalf of the Lower Shore Progressive Caucus. The Caucus is a political and activist organization on the Eastern Shore, unaffiliated with any political party, committed to empowering working people by building a Progressive movement on the Lower Eastern Shore.

As residents of Maryland and stewards of our environment, we must modify our behavior in a wide range of ways. Most folks discover it quite challenging to change their behavior, and so the easier we can make it, the faster we can recycle and reuse instead of simply dumping everything in a landfill. Individuals are unclear about how to manage used paint. All of us have it decaying in our garages, closets, or out with the trash.

The establishment of a Paint Stewardship Program is authorized by this bill. The program will be self-sufficient and sustainable and run WITHOUT the state providing funding. More sites for businesses and homes to recycle unwanted paint would be made available, and direct large-volume pickup services for amounts greater than 100 gallons would be offered.

Also, it would provide the funds to manage the collection, transportation, and processing of returned paint, reducing the load currently placed on communities who must deal with the leftover paint. All for a modest paint purchasing surcharge.

We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.