

September 7, 2010

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor of California  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
**SENT VIA FAX: (916) 558-3160**

**RE: AB 1343 (Huffman), Paint Stewardship – SUPPORT**

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) is an organization of 104 California local governments and hundreds of business partners, interested non-profits and individuals who are working towards a single mission: To shift California's product waste management system from one focused on government-funded and ratepayer-financed waste diversion to one that relies on producer responsibility in order to reduce public costs and drive improvements in product design that promote environmental sustainability.

The CPSC urges your signature of AB 1343, which would establish a producer managed postconsumer paint recovery program and is strongly supported by the American Coatings Association (ACA) and the California Retailers Association. Paint is the single largest waste stream managed by local government household hazardous waste (HHW) programs, costing California taxpayers and garbage ratepayers approximately \$27 million dollars annually to manage.

CPSC has been working closely with the ACA for years on a paint project to prepare for the ultimate producer managed collection system. We have been collecting data from focus groups on public messaging to develop effective public relations materials and have established 25 paint collection sites in three counties to test the take-back program that could be utilized by the ACA. We have worked to lay the foundation to support this transition to a producer financed and managed paint recovery system via a public-private partnership. CPSC looks forward to working with all the parties to successfully implement the program.

Local governments have shouldered 100% of the responsibility for managing leftover paint for too long. CPSC respectfully urges your signature of AB 1343 to promote a shared responsibility system.

Sincerely,



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