



February 28, 2023

Economic Matters Committee
Delegate C. T. Wilson
Room 231
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: HB 255 – Maryland Paint Stewardship- Oppose

Dear Senator Wilson

HB 255 is far reaching legislation that will cripple economic development in Maryland. As the state continues to overregulate, the business climate will struggle making Maryland less attractive to new business and business retention. The resulting effects on consumer prices will reduce citizen retention.

We oppose the increase in regulations, especially ones that have no discernible effect and are based on unmeasured potential. We believe that most of the legislation is unnecessary and will have only a marginal effect on paint disposal practices. We agree with the goals of the bill, but we believe they can be reached with less invasive approach.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of nearly 700 members, opposes this bill. We therefore request that you give this bill an unfavorable report.

Sincerely,

Mike McMullin
President
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Senator Justin Ready
Delegate April Rose