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The Honorable Jules Bailey, Chair  
House Committee on Energy and the Environment  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Support for Senate Bill #791 and House Bill #2048 – Repeal of Sunset on  
Architectural Paint Stewardship Program

Dear Chair Bailey and Committee Members:

Behr Process Corporation supports S.B. 791 and H.B. 2048, entitled "Repeal of Sunset on Architectural Paint Stewardship Program." Behr Process is a paint manufacturer with sales throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and China. In Oregon, Behr and its sister company Masterchem Industries LLC serve retail outlets such as The Home Depot, Lowes, Walmart and True Value Hardware.

The program has been successful in Oregon. In two years of operations, the non-profit organization that we created – PaintCare – has increased the number of collection sites to 102 from the 15 available pre-program. The majority of these sites, 75%, are paint retail stores – so consumers and contractors can bring their leftover paint back to the same places they buy paint – 7 days a week, retail hours. Over one million gallons of paint has been collected with 100% of that paint being recycled or beneficially reused. PaintCare has also recycled the paint containers collected, resulting in 107 and 131 tons of plastic and metal cans, respectively, being recycled.

As you are aware, the impetus for the pilot derives from a several year multi-stakeholder Paint Product Stewardship Initiative. The ultimate goal of this initiative is a nationally coordinated system, for the management of unused paint. Since the pilot began in OR almost three years ago, the program has also begun operating in California and will begin operations in Connecticut and Rhode Island this year.

Thus, we support repealing the sunset date on the program and making PaintCare permanent in Oregon. In advance, thank you for your support of this legislation.

Sincerely,

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