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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:

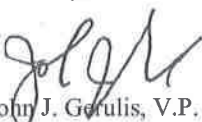
The Sherwin-Williams Company supports S.B. 791 and H.B. 2048, entitled “Repeal of Sunset on Architectural Paint Stewardship Program.” We manufacture and distribute well-known, nationally branded products like Dutch Boy® and Pratt & Lambert® paints, Minwax® interior wood finishing products, Krylon® aerosol paints, Thompson’s® WaterSeal® exterior waterproofing products, Purdy® paint brushes and rollers and Dupli-Color® automotive specialty products, as well as selling Sherwin-Williams® branded paints and stains exclusively through company owned stores. In addition to these well known coatings, we provide industrial coatings to a significant number of factories, plants, and shops directly, as well as through the large network of company owned stores, of which 52 are located within the State of Oregon, 18 of which are collection sites. In addition, we have production facilities throughout the world. In recognition of our development of water-based acrylic alkyd technology, US EPA presented to Sherwin-Williams, on June 20, 2011 a Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Award, one of only five given this year.

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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