REASONS TO SUPPORT PAINT EPR LAWS IN MASSACHUSETTS

A PAINT STEWARDSHIP LAW WILL:

1. Provide free and convenient paint recycling for all MA residents, including those who live in multi-unit properties and rural areas.

2. Build off of successful programs that have been passed into law in 12 states plus DC.
   - Most New England states have had paint EPR programs in operation for over 10 years including CT, RI, ME, & VT. Neighboring NY enacted a paint EPR program in 2022.

3. Save local governments money.
   - A paint EPR law would eliminate the cost of disposal for latex paint and oil-based paint.
   - Over 180 municipalities have sent in letters, endorsements, & resolutions in support for product stewardship, representing more than half of all municipalities in the state.

4. Advance the priorities within the MassDEP 2030 Solid Waste Master Plan.

5. Support small paint retailers by providing extra foot traffic.
   - The Aubuchon Hardware chain of 32 MA stores, the Home Decor Group of 25 MA stores, and several independent hardware stores have signed letters of support for paint EPR.

6. Create a circular economy and support local industry.
   - Recolor Paint, an MA-based recycled latex paint manufacturer sources their material from states with paint EPR laws, because they cannot source enough from Massachusetts.

7. Prevent mismanagement of unwanted paint that pollutes our soil and waterways.

8. Reduce the amount of hazardous waste going to landfills and incinerators.

H.886 (Rep. Arciero) and S.647 (Sen. O'Connor) will establish a sustainably-funded paint recycling program in Massachusetts.

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