



April 13, 2016

The Honorable Brian S. Dempsey
Chair, House Ways and Means
State House
Room 243
Boston, MA 02133

RE: Support for S.2109: An Act establishing the paint stewardship program

Dear Chairman Dempsey, Vice-Chair Kulik, Assistant Vice-Chair Swan, and other members of the committee:

Thank you for the leadership you have shown in support of sustainable waste management to ensure that Massachusetts minimizes the impact of waste on the environment.

The Product Stewardship Institute, Inc. (PSI) strongly supports S.2109 (Gobi), which would establish a paint stewardship program in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We would like to provide an update on the local governments, businesses, and other non-government associations that have announced their support for this legislation.

S.2109 would be a major step forward for waste reduction and recycling in Massachusetts. The industry-supported bill would hold the paint industry responsible for collecting and managing leftover paint across the state, saving Massachusetts municipalities an estimated \$1.3 million in annual paint management costs. It would create convenient leftover paint collection infrastructure for residents, and increase paint recycling and recycling-sector jobs. Paint stewardship legislation is actively supported by the American Coatings Association; therefore, producer responsibility for paint is not an uphill battle against manufacturers, but rather an opportunity to work with the industry to benefit Massachusetts municipalities financially and environmentally.

S.2109 is consistent with paint stewardship legislation passed in the following states and jurisdictions: California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Oregon, Maine, Minnesota, Rhode Island, and Vermont. This model bill has produced tremendous results, including the following:

- In the most recently reported year, PaintCare collected and processed more than 4.2 million gallons of paint in California, Connecticut, Minnesota, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Vermont
- Since paint stewardship legislation was first implemented in Oregon, PaintCare has collected a total of approximately 12 million gallons of paint from all participating states, relieving local governments of over \$52 million in paint transportation and processing costs.
- PaintCare has added more than 1,200 voluntary retail collection sites in the eight states that have implemented the program, providing far greater convenience to residents and decreasing the burden on local government programs.

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The following entities have sent letters in support of S.2109:

Paint Manufacturers

- American Coatings Association

Massachusetts Local Governments & Municipal Associations

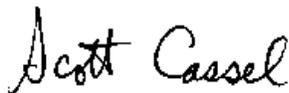
- Massachusetts Municipal Association
- Town of Abington Board of Health
- City of Attleboro
- Andover Green Advisory Board
- Town of Barnstable
- Town of Bedford
- Town of Bourne
- City of Brockton
- City of Cambridge
- Devens Regional Household Hazardous Products Collection Center
- Town of Duxbury
- Town of Fairhaven
- Town of Foxborough
- Franklin County Solid Waste Management District
- Town of Hanson
- Town of Hanson Board of Health
- Town of Kingston
- City of Lynn
- Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District
- Town of North Reading
- Town of Plymouth
- Town of Rockport
- City of Salem
- South Shore Recycling Cooperative
- Westford Recycling Commission
- Town of Westwood
- Town of Winchester

Businesses and Other Non-Government Organizations

- Covanta
- The Paint Exchange LLC
- MassRecycle
- Clean Water Action
- Product Stewardship Institute

Thank you for your consideration. ***We urge your support for this important legislation.***

Sincerely,



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