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The Honorable Steve Englebright  
Chair, New York Assembly Environmental Conservation Committee  
Legislative Office Building 621  
Albany, NY 12248

**RE: Support for A.1038 (same as S881): Relates to establishing the paint stewardship program**

**Dear Chairman Englebright and members of the Environmental Conservation Committee:**

**The New York Product Stewardship Council (NYPSC), the Product Stewardship Institute (PSI), and the 42 other local governments, municipal and industry associations, and environmental groups that are signees of this letter strongly support A.1038 (Stirpe) to establish a paint stewardship program in New York State.**

Nearly 4 million gallons of leftover paint are generated annually in New York State. Local governments would need to spend \$31 million to properly manage this waste stream. Enacting Assembly Bill 1038 relieves financial burdens on municipalities, establishes new convenient locations for residents to drop off their paint, increases paint reuse and recycling, and creates recycling-sector jobs. Upon passage of the paint stewardship law, several NY State businesses are ready to expand or launch operations to process this material.

Today's reality, without a paint stewardship program, is that municipalities spend about 50% of their Household Hazardous Waste budgets to manage a small fraction of leftover paint. Despite the efforts of local government, which spend an estimated \$3.1 million each year to manage paint, millions of gallons of leftover paint are disposed of in the garbage or poured down the drain annually.

A.1038 is actively supported by local government agencies, the American Coatings Association, and environmental groups. When passed, PaintCare, an industry non-profit, would manage the paint through funds collected by the program, thus freeing municipalities and the state agency of much of the management and financial burden.

A.1038 is consistent with paint stewardship laws passed in eight states and Washington D.C. – including Connecticut, Maine, Rhode Island, and Vermont – which produced the following early results:

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- Saved taxpayers over \$69 million, created over 200 jobs, and led to recycling over 17 million gallons of high quality paint (a majority of which is recycled back into paint).
- Created more than 1,700 voluntary retail collection sites, providing far greater convenience to residents and decreasing the burden on local government programs.

The Paint Stewardship Program (A.1038) represents a tremendous opportunity to work with the industry to benefit New York municipalities financially, socially, and environmentally. **We urge your support.**

Respectfully,

New York Product Stewardship Council  
 New York State Association of Counties

New York City Department of Sanitation  
 City of Kingston  
 Schenectady County  
 Ontario County  
 Niagara County  
 Broome County  
 Madison County  
 Tompkins County  
 Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency  
 Oneida - Herkimer Solid Waste Authority  
 Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Authority  
 Lewis County Solid Waste Department  
 Steuben County Department of Public Works  
 Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency  
 Town of Canandaigua  
 Town of Gardiner  
 Town of Lafayette  
 Town of North Elba  
 Town of Southold  
 Village of Tivoli  
 Ithaca Area Wastewater Treatment Facility  
 Town of Red Hook Conservation Advisory Council  
 New York League of Conservation Voters  
 New York Water Environment Association  
 New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse, and Recycling

Product Stewardship Institute  
 New York State Association for Solid Waste Management  
 The Federation of New York Solid Waste Associations  
 Solid Waste Association of North America, New York Chapter  
 Citizens Campaign for the Environment  
 League of Women Voters of the Mid-Hudson Region  
 Lower East Side Ecology Center  
 Schenectady County Environmental Advisory Council  
 Capital District Habitat for Humanity ReStore  
 Environmental Advocates of New York  
 Wells College, Center for Sustainability and the Environment  
 Syracuse Habitat for Humanity  
 Clean Harbors Environmental Services  
 Sims Municipal Recycling  
 Solara, Inc  
 Loop Recycling  
 Toshiba Business Solutions  
 Greening USA