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RE: HB 1652 Paint Stewardship Legislation

Dear Senator Andy Billig, Representative Marcus Riccelli, and Representative Tim Ormsby,

Spokane County's Regional Solid Waste System supports HB 1652. This paint stewardship legislation would require the manufacturers of paint to finance and manage a paint recycling program for Washington State.

Spokane County supports this paint stewardship legislation for the following reasons:

- Our county residents frequently contact our solid waste department for guidance on paint recycling and proper disposal. Currently, the options for our residents to recycle or dispose of their unwanted paint are very limited.
- Our residents would like an option to dispose of paint with as little impact to our environment as possible.
- The creation and management of paint recycling programs on a county-by-county basis is cost prohibitive. Significant cuts over the last several years in the State's Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance (LSWFA) funding have greatly impacted the financial viability of the Moderate Risk Waste (MRW) programs of the counties.
- Paint stewardship legislation would provide for the creation of a uniform collection network across the state, where our residents and businesses could take their paint to be recycled or properly managed.

Spokane County asks that you support this legislation, as it will provide for convenient recycling and safe disposal options for unwanted paint. This legislation will facilitate the implementation of an effective funding strategy for a sustainable program to collect and recycle these valuable, reusable materials.

Sincerely,

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