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**RE: [H. 1652](#) *Concerning Paint Stewardship* - Support**

Dear Representatives Stonier, Wylie, Harris, and Kraft,

Parkrose Hardware has 3 retail locations in Vancouver, Washington, and 1 location in Portland Oregon. I am writing this letter in support of - [H. 1652](#) *Concerning Paint Stewardship*. This is a take back program that has had tremendous success in other states including Oregon, where we participate voluntarily as a PaintCare collection site. This bill will establish a paint recycling program at no cost to Washington.

H. 1652 is a common-sense bill that protects Washington's natural resources through the recycling of used and discarded paint by keeping it from entering the water and ground through improper disposal. The scope of the bill is very important to help protect the environment and public health and is also easily accomplished by businesses. In those states that have already adopted the PaintCare model and program it is an easy conversation (California, Colorado, Minnesota, Oregon, and Washington, D.C.). Paint Care has also proven to be easily understood by the consumer and has not been a burden to our business. Furthermore, serving as a collection site has increased foot traffic in our Portland store.

Please vote AYE when this bill is voted upon. We thank you for your leadership and legislation to protect Washington natural resources.

Sincerely,


Michael Nelson, District Manager



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