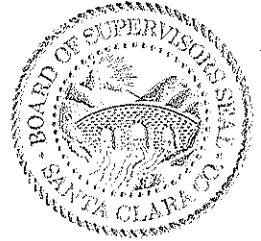


BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

KEN YEAGER
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SUPERVISOR, FOURTH DISTRICT



September 7, 2010

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1343 (Huffman) – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

On behalf of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express our strong support for AB 1343 (Huffman). This measure would extend the concept of Extended Producer Responsibility to the management of leftover and unwanted paint by requiring paint manufacturers to develop and implement a program to collect, transport, and process unused paint to reduce the costs and environmental impacts of its disposal.

Paint, both latex and oil-based, is prohibited from disposal in California solid waste landfills. It comprises the largest volume of waste product collected at publicly operated household hazardous waste facilities. Paint represents 50 percent of waste load handled by the County of Santa Clara Household Hazardous Waste Program at an annual cost of over \$1.7 million.

AB 1343 would establish a producer financed and managed paint stewardship program, encompassing both source reduction and paint recovery, alleviating the State and local governments of the financial costs associated with the management of unused and unwanted paint. For these reasons, our Board supports this measure, and respectfully requests your signature on AB 1343.

Sincerely,

Ken Yeager
President, Board of Supervisors

c: Assemblymember Jared Huffman
Santa Clara County Legislative Delegation
Board of Supervisors
Jeffrey V. Smith, County Executive
Michael Rattigan, Legislative Representative