



MAYOR REX RICHARDSON

September 23, 2024

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 1143 (Allen)—Paint products: stewardship program

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I urge your signature on SB 1143. This bill expands the existing extended producer responsibility program by making paint products applicable to the scope of the stewardship program, including architectural coatings, aerosol coating products, nonindustrial coatings, and coating-related products. However, the bill would exempt aerosol coating products, coating-related products, and nonindustrial coatings from the program's requirements until either January 1, 2028, or the implementation of an approved stewardship plan for those products, whichever comes first. SB 1143 will bring all related paint products under one stewardship program and ensure producer responsibility for one of the most significant sources of household hazardous waste (HHW).

HHW is a broad category of many common products used daily by consumers that contain hazardous materials, such as antifreeze, adhesives, pesticides, used oil, batteries, electronic wastes, and household cleaners—to name a few. In California, HHW is prohibited from being disposed of in the trash, down the drain, or onto the ground, and must be disposed of through a HHW Program that provides for the safe collection and management of HHW. Most HHW programs are run by local government agencies. When illegally or improperly disposed of, chemicals in HHW can be released into the environment and contaminate our air, water, and food supply. Improperly disposed HHW exposes recycling and waste workers to avoidable dangers, such as fires.

HHW programs are a significant continuing expense. Each HHW event can cost upwards of \$120,000. SB 1143 supports holding producers responsible for paint products, which will shift the cost burden of managing HHW disposal from local jurisdictions and ratepayers to the producers. SB 1143 will help ensure the safe and proper management of HHW.

For these reasons, the City requests your signature on SB 1143.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rex Richardson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mayor Rex Richardson
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, State Senate, 33rd District
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 65th District
The Honorable Josh Lowenthal, State Assembly, 69th District