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Date: February 6, 2025

The Honorable Marvin Abney  
House Committee on Finance  
State House, Room 35  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

The Honorable Lou DiPalma  
Senate Committee on Finance  
State House, Room  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

Subject: Paint Care Rhode Island

Dear Chairman Abney and Chairman DiPalma,

The purpose of this letter is to let you know that I support the continuation of Paint Care Rhode Island and think it would not be in the best interests of the state to cancel this program.

As you know, the program is funded by collecting a fee added to each can of paint sold and the collected fees are used to ensure proper disposal of any old, no longer needed paints. This keeps these paints from being disposed of in the trash or accumulated in areas where they could create hazards.

Also, where I work at RI School of Design (RISD) our students buy paints for use in their art and design projects. Generally, they will purchase gallons of paint and use some portion of the gallon leaving the remainder on campus which we then have to either use when we can or dispose of it. As a large quantity generator of waste paints (> 100 gallons per year) Paint Care RI schedules the pickup and proper disposal of these collected paints. This is a great program that is used at RISD with positive results!

I believe that this program being self-supported by the fee on paints sold in Rhode Island should be supported by Rhode Island.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Cantara".

Alan Cantara

Environmental, Health and Safety Manager – RI School of Design