



January 22, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

In regards to proposed SB-045, the repeal of The Architectural Paint Stewardship Act, I am concerned that a program which has been beneficial to Habitat for Humanity of Fremont County (HFHFC) is being threatened.

HFHFC works with GreenSheen, who supplies us with recycled paint at a very reasonable cost. We sell GreenSheen paint in our ReStore. Recycled paint sales represented a gross revenue in 2017 of \$6,105.64. ReStore sales not only makes it possible for us to operate, it also helps to fund programs that benefit the economically disadvantaged population of Fremont County.

We also use the GreenSheen paint in many of our projects, which include critical home repair and home preservation for low-income homeowners impacted by age, disability and family circumstances.

The ability to sell recycled paint has had a positive impact on our Habitat for Humanity ReStore. The small fee associated with Paint Care has not discouraged sales. In fact, being able to purchase recycled paint at a discounted cost has been great for economically disadvantaged property owners. They are able to make improvements they otherwise may not have been able to afford.

Prior to enactment of the Paint Care law, we at the ReStore struggled with the issue of used paint. We not only accept but also solicit donations of usable, resalable items which are then sold at a discounted price. Our donors lacked an outlet for their used paint; the result was often that cans of paint were dropped off after hours without our knowledge, making it a problem for our staff. Additionally, in order to avoid offending a donor, staff would accept the paint, knowing that disposal then became our problem. Paint Care has resolved this issue for us. We are now able to direct our donors to one of the drop-off locations in Canon City, at no cost to them. Alternatively, we will accept the paint then take it ourselves.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Colleen Barton".

Colleen Barton

Executive Director

Habitat for Humanity of Fremont County