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To Whom It May Concern

San Miguel County is opposed to SB 45 which seeks to repeal the Architectural Paint Stewardship Act. We have been looking forward to increasing public knowledge of the program for free paint disposal and trying to encourage other retail paint sellers in our region to partner to provide collection sites.

The County cannot sustain the significant cost of an annual Hazardous Waste event and again was hoping to encourage increased use of the free paint disposal programs at the local hardware stores. This service has and will help offset and handle some of the material that is saved up and brought to our Hazardous Material disposal days. Our communities have specific means of addressing paint that is still usable. What we tend to see is old paint, paint that has been frozen and items that are completely unusable that need proper disposal.

If there is a desire to have more regulatory oversight we would encourage that be specifically addressed rather than attempt a complete repeal of the Act.

If repealed San Miguel County will incur significant time and labor costs to provide for proper disposal of these materials. The anticipated outreach and expanded coverage into rural areas with the funds received to date is important. We also believe that we will see a decrease in the amount of materials properly recycled or disposed of in our region.

We urge you NOT to support SB45 for these reasons.

Thank you,

Kris Holstrom,
Chair