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I am in Support of this Bill and Testified for the companion Bill Presented in the Senate Committee on Energy and the Environment. This is a good Bill and offering additional Recycling efforts.



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January 29, 2026

Representative Jeff Farnan, Chair
 Representative Bruce Sassmann, Vice-Chair
 House Conservation and Natural Resources Committee
 Missouri General Assembly
 201 W Capitol Ave
 Jefferson City, MO 65101

Re: SUPPORT – HB 2162, Paint Recycling

Dear Chair Farnan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 2162, which would establish a producer-run paint stewardship program in Missouri.

Each year, Missouri residents generate more than 1.3 million gallons of leftover paint. Without a consistent and convenient recycling system, much of this paint is improperly disposed of—either thrown in the trash or poured down household and storm drains—shifting unnecessary costs onto municipalities and taxpayers.

HB 2162 offers a comprehensive solution by:

- Relieving a significant financial burden on municipalities;
- Establishing new, convenient sites where residents can drop off paint year-round;
- Increasing paint reuse and recycling;
- Protecting Missouri’s water bodies and other natural resources; and
- Supporting employment in the recycling and materials management sectors.

The coatings industry has a long history of collaboration with government and stakeholders to address product end-of-life management. Nearly two decades ago, the Product Stewardship Institute (PSI) mediated a groundbreaking agreement among the paint industry, state and local governments, and recyclers, which laid the foundation for paint stewardship laws currently active in 12 states and the District of Columbia.

PaintCare, an industry non-profit, manages the programs established by these laws. Evaluations consistently show high satisfaction among retailers, municipal governments, contractors, and other stakeholders. To date, these programs have collected over 85 million gallons of paint, established more than 2,500 collection sites (77% of which are voluntary retail locations), saved local governments and taxpayers more than \$240 million in avoided collection, transportation, and processing costs, created hundreds of jobs, and ensured convenient access, with over 90% of residents in program states living within 15 miles of a drop-off site.

PSI is a national policy expert and consulting nonprofit that pioneered product stewardship in the United States. Since 2000, PSI facilitated dialogues, research, pilot projects, and policy development have helped shape more than 146 EPR laws across more than 20 product categories.

For these reasons, PSI respectfully urges the Committee to support HB 2162 as a cost-effective, proven policy approach to managing leftover paint in Missouri. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (617) 513-3954 or Scott@ProductStewardship.US.

Sincerely,

**Scott Cassel
Chief Executive Officer/Founder**



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I operate one of the HHW collection facilities here in the KC area. We accept many types of household hazardous waste from local residents. Even though we accept many things, paint is probably 90% of what residents are trying to dispose of. Every paint job at your home has a little extra and at some point a resident either buys a house, or cleans one out and is stuck trying to dispose of MANY cans of paint. Folks in Lee's Summit are fortunate to have a facility like mine, but the majority of the state has little/no access to adequate disposal sites. I believe that this bill would change that and be greatly appreciated by many Missourians across the state.



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If enacted, HB 2162 will assist communities in eliminating old paint products that can be a fire and pollution problem



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HB 2162 provides a responsible process to dispose of unwanted paint products which may discourage improper dumping of these products along county roads which would result in reduced costs associated with dispatching county staff for clean up.



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I'm submitting testimony in opposition to HB 2162.

I understand the goal: paint waste is real, and Missouri should handle it responsibly.

But good ends do not excuse bad structure.

This bill creates a statewide, mandatory pricing scheme enforced by the power of the state—while placing major control of that scheme into private hands and shielding key information from the public. That is not stewardship. That is a trust problem waiting to happen.

This bill compels a charge on every container, but avoids the accountability we require for compelled charges

HB 2162 mandates a per-container “paint assessment fee” added to the price of paint sold in Missouri and makes it unlawful to sell paint unless the producer participates in the program.

When the state compels a charge and backs it with enforcement power, Missourians deserve public transparency and public control, not a system where costs are set and routed through a producer-created nonprofit structure.

It delegates too much power to private industry with too few guardrails

The bill allows producers to form a nonprofit “representative organization” to design and operate the program, select the auditor, and shape the collection system—while limiting the Department largely to approval and review.

Government cannot outsource regulatory power in a way that makes the public dependent on private discretion.

If this program is truly for the public good, it must be structured with public standards, enforceable limits, and clear accountability.

It grants sweeping immunity that invites abuse
 The bill attempts to insulate program operators from antitrust and other anticompetitive liability for conduct undertaken under the program.

Missouri should not write special immunity into law for coordinated market behavior, especially when the same system also compels fees from every consumer.

It blocks the public from seeing the books

HB 2162 provides that financial, production, or sales data reported to the Department “shall not be subject to disclosure.”

Trade secrets can be protected without creating a blanket secrecy rule around a state-compelled fee. If the public is forced to pay into a system, the public must be able to verify that the system is clean.

HB 2162 should not advance.

**For official record,
Rev. Sarah M. Berry**



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