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Mr. Jacob Saffert
Director of Eastern States
PaintCare Maryland LLC
901 New York Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Saffert:

On April 29, 2026, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) received PaintCare Maryland LLC's request to amend the Maryland Paint Stewardship Program Plan (the "Plan") conditionally approved on October 25, 2025.

The amendment requested will replace the first paragraph of Page 26 of the Plan, under C2 "Paint Containers". The following statement is approved by MDE:

Metal and plastic paint containers received by the program are recycled. If there is a change with respect to the feasibility of recycling these containers, PaintCare will consult with MDE. PaintCare will report the tons of containers recycled through the program and a calculated container recycling rate in its annual report to MDE. PaintCare encourages the program's transporters, processors, and recyclers to identify and utilize available opportunities for container management. Containers that are not recycled are typically disposed of as solid waste.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Bradley Baker, Manager, Resource Management Program at 410-537-3314 or by email at Bradley.baker1@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

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