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RE: Lead-based paint hazard labeling provisions being
incorporated into Swift Bill (HR 3554)

NPCA has recently learned of efforts to incorporate a labeling requirement into HR 3554 (The Lead Exposure Reduction Act) that would inform users of consumer paint products of hazards relative to surface preparation and application of new paint over a substrate that may previously have been coated with old, lead-based paint, and would provide them with simple solutions for controlling such hazards.

At this time, it appears that a consumer paint label will be required under HR 3554. Rep. Ritter (R, Pa.), ranking minority member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Transportation and Hazardous Materials, has proposed the labeling language on the following page, as a means of supporting ongoing EPA efforts to communicate lead hazards. The thrust of the EPA effort is to advise the public of "simple solutions" for avoiding lead exposure. The label statement is seen by its proponent as a supplement to other communications mechanisms (by EPA and the private sector, including NPCA).

Childhood lead poisoning prevention advocates are pressing for more onerous label statements regarding lead-based paint hazards and the need for dramatic and costly action. Congressman Ritter's proposal is an attempt to ward off such inflammatory language with statements that are consistent with and supportive of current and proposed agency programs.

The issue is whether we, as NPCA, can support this suggested labeling language as constructive partners in this part of the legislation, consistent with our past proactive efforts on the lead issue (and with the understanding that some sort of labeling language is a given). Bear in mind that there will be a two-year grace period between promulgation of the language and a requirement that it appear on labels of products currently regulated by the CPSC.

Please call Tom Graves at NPCA to advise of your opinion and suggested direction for the industry. Thank you.

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**LABELING LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY CONGRESSMAN RITTER****NOTICE**

This paint contains less than 0.06% lead as prescribed by federal law. However, paint you may be removing or covering could contain lead. Homes built before 1972 may contain lead-based paint. If you are removing or covering old paint, please take precautions to avoid creating dust or other paint debris. Thoroughly wash floors and other surfaces before and after painting. **BREATHING OR EATING LEAD-CONTAMINATED DUST CAN CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY IN CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN.** For more information on avoiding lead hazards call (federal hotline operated by EPA).

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