



ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED

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Mr. W.O. Spencer, President
Sherwin-Williams Company
161 Prospect N.W.
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Mr. Spencer,

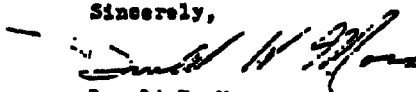
As you may know, many associations for the mentally retarded have been actively working to have the lead content in interior paints reduced to the point that would prevent lead poisoning in children who may eat paint chips.

Our association is presently attempting to have legislation passed in Illinois which would require paint manufacturers to maintain a maximum level of .06%, which our authorities indicate is the safe level. We realize that regulative legislation, in order to be effective, must be attainable by the paint industry, however, and we would very much appreciate your reaction to our proposal.

We understand that Sherwin-Williams has been particularly responsive and concerned about the possibility of lowering the lead level in its paints in order to protect children from brain-damage and death resulting from poisoning, and for that reason we are asking for your help.

Because time is of the essence, we respectfully request your response at your earliest possible convenience. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,


Donald E. Moss
Executive Director

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