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Mr. R. A. Boland
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Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Bob:

Attached is your copy of my letter sent out today to
all the members of the Senate Committee on Labor and
Public Welfare. Original letters, not photocopies,
were sent.

Very truly yours,

THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CO.

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Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator:

It is most gratifying that leadership has been provided to have the Congress of the United States focus attention on the health hazards of lead based paints.

Federal legislation to reduce the incidence of poisoning of children is obviously desirable since the problem has not been corrected by local authorities due largely to the lack of funds.

We are most pleased that you and others are working closely with representatives of the National Paint, Varnish & Lacquer Association, particularly Messrs. R. A. Roland and J. M. Montgomery. We affirm the representations of our Association, which as we understand them are briefly outlined below.

(1). It is important to get the old high lead paint either removed or effectively barricaded so that children cannot have access to the old paint.

(2). Where children are to have access to the surface, the paints permitted should comply with the established standard of ASA (now ANSI) 266.1 of 1% maximum lead content.

(3). Lead pigments do have a useful and important function in modern day paints. They are particularly beneficial in metal primers and for structural areas that are not accessible to children, their usage should be permitted.

It is our opinion that effective treatment of interior surfaces will solve almost all the problem. However, other surfaces such as porch railings and fire escapes that are accessible to children should also meet 266.1 for lead.

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Where good painting maintenance is practiced, there is very little difficulty even with lead bearing paints. However, experience has shown that with the expansion or shifting of low income areas, areas of lead poisoning cases also expand; hence, new high lead paints should not be applied even to new construction in areas accessible to children. Homes that are new today will be old in thirty years.

If we can be of further support to the program for reducing lead poisoning caused by paint, we shall be pleased to hear from you or any other members of Congress.

Very truly yours,

THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CO.

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Dear Senator:

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