

Testimony of Terry Nardone

September 7, 2016

Re: Joint Public Hearing New York State Water Quality Issues

To: Standing Committees NYS Assembly and Senate

Health, Environmental Conservation and the Public

My concern, that, I wish to address is in regards to the "Paint Stewardship" legislation. I am a 100 % disabled Vietnam combat Veteran. My activism for the citizenry of my home state of New York is as intense as was my call to military duty. I demand to be heard and for action to be taken for the public benefit.

The issue may be reviewed by simply reading the justification section of the Public awareness information issued by the New York legislative bodies. There have been 3 recommitments by the Assembly committee. Do we need more??

#1 Attachment from mentioned above. (Read aloud)

I respectfully request the Chairman of the Assembly Environmental Conservation Committee Mr. Steve Englebright for all to hear in this arena. I desire you to inform the public if there are any issues whatsoever that need to be to be addressed These issues are in regard to bringing the bill to the floor of the full legislature for a vote.

Co-sponsorship has increased 10 Fold from 5 to 50 in short order, almost overnight Those voices need to be reckoned with by the Chair and addressed by the committee with all due diligence. The 25 million dollar impact on municipalities cannot and must not be overlooked. It is of utmost importance to be reminded that this legislation is for the mutual benefit of all parties concerned.

Are there any questions or issues that need to be addressed while I have my precious few moments to try to provoke action on the part of those in a position of power Only you can initiate action for what I know needs to be done.

Thank you for listening.

Terry Nardone

ing January 15, 2019.

Civil penalties can be imposed for violations of this law.

JUSTIFICATION:

The Product Stewardship Institute estimates that approximately 3.1 million gallons of paint go unused each year in New York. The costs of collecting and managing this paint typically fall on local government. If this responsibility were managed by the paint manufacturers, local governments would save approximately \$25 million per year.

In addition to reduced costs on local taxpayers, a Paint Stewardship Program will create convenient recycling opportunities and green sector jobs, and reduce disposal in favor of recycling and result in less waste, as consumers will become smarter and more efficient shoppers for paint.

New York has a unique opportunity to partner with the paint industry to reduce local government costs, increase recycling and reduce waste.

Nationally, states that have implemented comparable programs are showing impressive results. Oregon has collected and recycled over 1,000,000 gallons of paint since its program was implemented in July 2010. California launched its program in the Fall of 2012 with over 350 new collection locations accepting paint for recycling.

PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

S4690A of 2014-15; Referred to Environmental Conservation

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

None. The regulatory costs to DEC will be covered by filing fees.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Immediately.