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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Mr. Hedlund**

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General  
 Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the return of unused non-latexpaint.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Mr. Hedlund | Plymouth and Norfolk |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00510 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to the return of unused non-latexpaint.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 16 of the General laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 21 the following new section:-

            Section 21A. The department shall convene a stakeholder group of the parties involved in the sale, recycling, and disposal of non-latex paint sold or used in the commonwealth, including the manufacturers and retailers of such paint, and through this stakeholder group develop and implement a cooperative program to allow consumers to return at no charge unused non-latex paint for recycling or reuse.

            The department shall promulgate regulations to provide that if such cooperative return system is not fully implemented on or before July 1, 2007, that as of that date the manufacturers of non-latex paint shall be required to establish a system to accept at no charge the return of unused non-latex paint from consumers pursuant to the conditions and requirements imposed by the department in the regulations.