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my letter will be coming to you shortly

Thank you,

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Hello Connecticut Committee of Revenue and Bonding,

Please recognize my support of this Connecticut Bill SB-335 to eliminate the double taxation of paint liquids used in our profession.

I believe the confusion that has caused this double taxing is the misunderstanding by our Connecticut Officials

of how our industry has changed.

Over 20 years ago, most body shops in Connecticut would buy paint from an automotive paint supplier already mixed and ready to spray.

In the last 15 years, most major paint companies (i.e. DuPont, BASF, PPG, Sherwin Williams) outfit most shops (95%) independently with their complete paint line and the paint is mixed by the shop onsite.

So now, under the current law, when we get our paint supply from our wholesalers, we are forced to pay Ct Sales Tax to our wholesaler as if we were the end user.

We then collect the tax again from our customers for the same paint thus causing the double tax.

The Ct body Shops are not the end user, it is still the customer that is purchasing the paint in the end when it leaves the shop on their vehicle.

My opinion is the Auto Body Repair Businesses in Connecticut have changed the way they run their Companies. They work smarter and more efficient than ever before.

We are constantly looking for better ways to improve our industry and our environment, i.e. water based paints and going green.

Please act to correct this oversight (tax) as **we continue to make Connecticut a better place to work and live.**

Thank you,

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