In December 2017—a month after the landmark decision in *People v. ConAgra Grocery Products Company*—the Sherwin-Williams Company, ConAgra Grocery Products Company, and NL Industries, Inc. (“Manufacturers”) sponsored an initiative to void the judgment. Signatures were gathered to add the initiative to the November 2018 ballot, but the initiative was withdrawn after receiving extensive criticism in the press and from members of the California Legislature.

The initiative proposed issuance of state bonds to remediate structural and environmental hazards (including lead, mold, asbestos, and other hazards) for private residences, schools, assisted living and senior housing facilities.

Included in the initiative was a provision to invalidate the judgment in *People v. ConAgra.* It declared that “lead-based paint on or in private or public residential properties, whether considered individually, collectively, or in the aggregate, is not a public nuisance” and that this would apply to all cases pending on November 1, 2017. This would have shifted responsibility for cleaning up lead paint from the Manufacturers to taxpayers.

Manufacturers developed and funded the initiative. On the date that the initiative was introduced, Manufacturers established a committee in support of the initiative: Californians for Safe and Affordable Housing, Sponsored by Manufacturing Companies. Sherwin-Williams, ConAgra, and NL Industries were each listed as committee sponsors.