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Good afternoon,

I think the DRS lacks the kind of ambitious and urgent action we need to tackle Ireland's waste issues and the broader climate change challenges we face.

I realise it is impossible to remove plastics from our lives and they have their place, however, I would ask why the government is not considering the introduction of a taxation policy for companies using packaging that is not recyclable? This would accelerate the movement towards recyclable/compostable alternatives and new product design or development.

I want to refill my shampoo, soap, detergent etc. bottles - I cannot find anywhere within an hour drive to do that. This is also very possible with many food items. Please incentivise and invest in these types of initiatives, this is more directly in line with the circular economy ethos.

Many of us, particularly the younger generations do not want the vast amounts of packaging provided on many products, we simply have little choice in the matter and it is then our responsibility to deal with the waste. Nearly every product on the shelves carries the recyclable logo yet bin providers are limited in what they actually do accept for recycling. This needs to be addressed as it is misleading.

The supermarkets, food and beverage companies will not act unless financially motivated to do so. The DRS has a part to play in a sustainable future but it does not tackle the core issue - much of this waste does not need to be produced in the first place.

Kind regards,

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