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Subject: Support for a deposit-and-return scheme

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Hello,

I'm a Dublin resident who is writing in with adamant support for a deposit-and-return scheme for plastic bottles and aluminum cans.

I was raised in Canada, where deposits are the norm for recyclable products. I was frankly appalled when I arrived in 2015 that this is not the case here in Ireland - 2020 seems far too late to be introducing a very effective system.

This is a missed opportunity for so many reasons: beyond ensuring that more plastic and aluminum products are recycled, deposit schemes provide a number of additional benefits. Many charity and children's groups collect bottles and cans for return as a fundraising effort, ensuring that plastics are recycled and that money is raised for worthwhile causes. Many bottle depots also employ community members who may not find work elsewhere, or those involved in community service programs.

I appreciate that you are looking for public input - but the government needs to make an executive decision to implement a program such as this to meet its own environmental targets.

Thank you,
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