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Dear DCCAE,

I would like to express my support for DRS.

I'm of two minds with the appropriate price. I'm originally from Ontario and The Beer Store has a very successful bottle and cans recycling program. The deposit is 10cents and it has become part of the culture to bring your empties back when going to buy beer. I think having a refund location at grocery stores would be essential. A lot of homeless people also go around collecting empties in order to earn money. In Quebec the deposit is higher, so products are labelled as such so that people cannot do cross border swapping.

Something to bear in mind is that if 80% of households have curb side collection this becomes an inconvenience for them, as they are recycling anyway. This would apply to our household. It's curious why the actual rate of recycling is so low and littering is so rampant. I think it's the prohibitive waste disposal fees. I would be in favour of all bins being free, nationalised and paid for through taxation. I would also be in favour of all beverages using standardised glass bottles with DRS. This leads me to my last point, we tend to focus too much of our efforts on recycling instead of the better solution of reducing. It would be best of the government legislated companies to dramatically reduce their packaging and outright ban single use plastics. However, this would involve a 180 from abdicating responsibly in favour of corporate lobbying to governing in the best interests of the people and the planet. Unfortunately, this doesn't seem like it will happen anytime soon.

I hope this helps.

Thank you and take care,

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