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I am writing in support of the Deposit Refund Scheme.

Ireland has been slow to build its recycling capacity and even slower to recognise the benefits of circular economy. Investing in recycling infrastructure like the DRS is a vital step towards. We need to return, not burn our plastic bottles and aluminium cans.

Currently, there is no recycling infrastructure for on-the-go waste in Ireland. Every plastic bottle and aluminium can that goes into a public street bin is going to landfill or incineration. Perfectly good recyclable materials are going to waste!

“Deposit Return Schemes mean less plastic litter on our streets, it rewards people for recycling and it keeps plastic and other recyclable materials so they can be repurposed. It works in other countries so we can do it in Ireland - but only if government lead the way.” - Claudia Tormey, from Sick of Plastic

Deposit Return Schemes are successful in countries across Europe and different states in America. The simplicity of the method makes it easy and appealing to the public and engages us in thinking about materials In a circular way. It's the first and easiest step to reward people for greener behaviour.

Thank you,

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