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I am writing in support of the Deposit Refund Scheme.

I lived in Vancouver for a few years and the deposit return system there was well established and I used it regularly. It was very straight forward and used by the majority of the city's residents. It's hard to believe that 10 years later something similar hadn't been set up in Ireland.

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 changing this. 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

We need to start thinking about materials in a circular way. It's no longer an option to continue dumping without any thought as to where our waste ends up and what damage it is doing to the environment. This is an easy first step to reward people for greener behaviour and I urge you to implement it as soon as possible.

Regards,  
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