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To: wastecomments
Subject: RE: support for Deposit and Return system

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to support and encourage the introduction of a deposit and return system in Ireland. I spent 2 years studying and working in Germany from 2001-2003. This kind of system was well established and worked really well.

Plastic, aluminium, and glass had a value and were part of the circular economy. There were times as a student when my friends and I actively looked for collected plastic and aluminium to return and exchange for Friday night drinks.

Homeless people collected plastic and aluminium in return for cash. Shopkeepers benefitted when those materials were returned to the factory so they happily accepted the returns. The city was spotless.

Would that young fella who normally throws his cans into the ditch still do it if he knew he could get one free can the next time he brings back his 6 empties? Even if he wasn't bothered you can be sure there would be someone that comes along afterwards who willing to collect and return it to a local shop.

Put a value on it. Make it worth it. Consider recycling machines, off licences.

It won't work unless you think carefully about what the shops will do with the plastic and aluminium they take in. Where will they bring it? Who will collect it? How often? Where will it be recycled?

People will buy into it but you want every bottle or can to be worth at least 25cent for it to work. It should be a number that's easy to count in multiples.

Go for it! Ireland will thank you for it.

Thank you!

Kind regards,
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