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To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to you in response to the above scheme, for which consultation is currently open.

I would just like to say that I am categorically in favour of a Deposit Return Scheme being put in place in Ireland. Having lived in Germany years ago, it is abundantly clear that such a system (the Pfand system, in Germany) has many benefits to society and citizens alike, such as:

- i) Incentivising people to collect litter and dispose of it in a correct manner, leading to less littering;
- ii) Helping people who may be struggling financially to afford their shopping (assuming supermarkets will be offering discounts on shopping if you use their return station);
- iii) Allowing homeless people/people who are begging to easily collect money by picking up used bottles from others and returning them, also leading to a reduction in litter and of course helps out those less fortunate in our community. It is rare for people to throw away bottles in Germany, instead choosing to leave them beside bins or giving them directly to homeless people.

I implore you to not let this opportunity to bring Ireland into the 21st century in this regard slip by. The design should be a carbon copy of the German Pfand system; why bother fussing over design when there's an existing system that works perfectly in a country that we are friendly with! I'm sure Germany would help us out with the implantation and design of same.

The majority of European countries use a similar system, let's get with the programme!

Kind regards,

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