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Good Afternoon,

As a volunteer who moved back from California in 2004, I am involved within my local community and beaches in picking up litter, especially after the summer crowds. With lack of much needed bins for public waste and recycling , volunteers are getting frustrated at the lack of support from local councils.

I had a motion back in October 2019 in Cork County Council regarding reverse vending machines. We had partnered with Dunnes Stores in Carrigaline to work with them regarding this recycling scheme. Everyone was onboard and delighted to be involved with such a proactive project. Unfortunately the cost of the vending machine 15thousand euros put our project on hold.

We have a very successful initiative '3 For The Sea' in our area, great to hear kids saying they won't leave the beach until the pick up their 3 bits of plastic. We currently are working on 'Seamus the Salmon' ( Salmon of knowledge) made of a steel frame 15 x 7ft, filled with plastic bottles and installed with LED lighting. We Crosshaven Tidy Tows are really proud of what we have achieved But it is now time for the government to lead with a deposit return schemings/reverse vending machines.

Anti social behaviour more now than ever is bringing a lot of bottles and cans to our beautiful beaches nationwide.

We wish you the best in securing the proper procedures going forward into achieving a reduction of plastic/aluminium/glass with the return program.



Kind Regards