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Good morning,

I have just reviewed the outline of the potential legislative framework on the DRS and I think it's great.

I think the scheme as outlined, centralised and producer led, makes a lot of sense and will do a lot to improve recycling rates, recover this valuable material, get bottles and cans off our streets, and start a new culture of recycling and the recovery of materials. I think it will be embraced by people.

The strongest elements of the scheme are the obligations on producers and retailers, these are essential to make it work and be available everywhere. I think the fact that all retailers will be obliged to be in the scheme and that consumers can return bottles in any store is significant, a really positive aspect of the scheme.

Variable pricing will incentivise people to just buy what they need and not to be buying oversized bottles. I think the fact that waste collectors can avail of the scheme is great and should allay a lot of their worries about a valuable waste stream disappearing on them.

I hope the legislation proceeds as outlined, and the one thing I would say is don't dilute it in any way - stay firm on the proposals even if stakeholders and others are negative. The scheme is well designed to meet its goals and is fair. Make it a priority for your department, this would be a significant achievement.

Thanks for your work on this, from a citizen who is hugely concerned about plastic waste and pollution.

Many thanks,

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