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Dear Minister,

As part of Voice Ireland's campaign please take these requests into consideration while reviewing the consultation of the Deposit Return Scheme.

1. A review mechanism every three years to consider the inclusion of other materials, e.g. glass. At present, we have a relatively healthy recycling rate for glass but, should that rate decrease, the review mechanism will allow us to identify that and then push for its inclusion in the DRS.
2. Whilst the introduction of a DRS in Ireland is an important step toward the Circular Economy here, there is the potential to expand it. As part of its potential growth, we would like to see a commitment to explore, develop and trial re-use systems by 2024. The opportunities are there to do so and so is the need.
3. A commitment to adequately fund an ongoing campaign of public awareness and engagement so that the benefits of a high-performing DRS can be realised by all.

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