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Dear Minister,

I grew up with a deposit system for glass bottles, and have observed it working in more recent times in countries such as Denmark where it is part of everyday living, as it was for me in my childhood. So I am delighted to know that there is due to be a deposit refund scheme for plastic bottles and aluminium cans. This is long overdue and I urge you to bring it to fruition as soon as possible.

I would like to make 3 points:

- That there be a review mechanism every three years or so, which would alert us to the possible need for a similar scheme for glass;
- This scheme is only the tip of an iceberg in terms of re-use of materials. It is of the utmost urgency in this climate emergency that we reserve energy for where it is most needed and re-use as many materials as possible - I have been teaching student teachers about this for many years and have found a ready understanding of the need to re-use/upcycle materials.
- To accompany these, we need a we-funded and ongoing campaign of public awareness and engagement in such schemes.

With best regards

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