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Dear Lyndsay

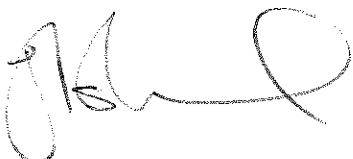
Pret A Manger is fully committed to minimising the impact of packaging but we do not feel that a DRS scheme is a viable solution. Pret is currently participating collaboratively through the British Sandwich Association (BSA) to identify options to solving the challenge of making packaging waste either useful or low impact.

What would be more helpful in terms of Government support would be commissioning scientific study to guide business on sustainable packaging. Currently this area is very complex; Is virgin content from sustainable source lower impact than recycled content? Does making packaging lines more easily recyclable demand more total resource? All recycling depends on waste streams and capability of local systems to separate and consolidate waste by type. Does the packaging have value as a recyclable material?

Along with the other PRGS signatories we firmly believe the proposed collaborative approach, in tandem with scientific input will achieve superior results in the areas of litter reduction and recycling at a lower cost financially and logistically than those proposed in the DRS proposal.

We urge ZWS and the Scottish Government to support the PRGS proposal.

Yours sincerely



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