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Sent: 06 August 2021 16:51
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Letter on behalf of O-I Glass

Dear George,

Please find attached a letter written on behalf of O-I Glass.

Best wishes,

Robert

Rt. Hon. Robert Halfon MP
Chair of the Commons Education Select Committee
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Rt Hon George Eustice MP
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6 August 2021

Dear George,

I am writing to you on behalf of O-I Glass Limited, a glass manufacturer based in my constituency of Harlow, Essex. O-I Glass are now part of the largest glass container company in the world and produce beer bottles for UK brewers large and small.

Representatives from O-I Glass Limited have raised concerns over including glass in a Deposit Return System. They have stressed that they believe that a Deposit Return System is not the right solution for glass for the UK.

I understand that international evidence shows that including glass in a Deposit Return System could have many unintended consequences. For example, it has been explained to me that in Croatia, Germany and Finland, including glass in a Deposit Return System has incentivised a switch to plastic packaging because it encourages consumers to upsize purchases to large plastic bottles as the upfront cost is less for one three litre plastic bottle with one deposit on it than, for example, six 500ml glass bottles.

I also understand that because of its weight, the cost of using glass through a Deposit Return System means that brands and retailers would pay a higher fee to use it, creating a cost advantage for producers to use single-use plastic containers.

O-I Glass believes that a more effective and efficient kerbside recycling system would be a better vehicle to increase the quantity and quality of recycled glass.

On behalf of O-I Glass, I would be extremely grateful if you could provide a response to the concerns that they have raised.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

Robert Halfon MP