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Good Afternoon Mr Hayes,

We are a small food sales operation based in Spalding and as part of the BFFF (British Frozen Food Federation), we have been discussing the recent Government consultation into the costs of packaging, recycling and recovery of the packaging materials which we are introducing into the food chain.

We understand that the EPR cost, as calculated by the Government, would transfer £2.7bn of cost annually to Industry. Indeed, experts in the industry have estimated that this cost could increase to £3.5bn. This will mean that our packaging, recycling and recovery costs could rise significantly with estimates suggesting 20 to 30-fold from the current PRN system which we are governed by.

Of course, we are aware that we have a responsibility for the costs of disposal of packaging through the supply chain and we are proactively searching for methods which would reduce the load of packaging within the whole waste stream. However, we believe that the costs for this should be fair and based on every level of business in the supply chain so that this drives behavioural changes which will mean a cleaner, less littered country with less impact on the environment.

Both Freeworld Foods and our industry body have major concerns that the EPR proposal means that business waste collections will become free to businesses and this cost will have to be borne by industry, which includes Freeworld Foods. There is already a very effective system for clearing business waste, and there seems to be no sense in changing this. Furthermore, if you take away the impact of costs to a business then you will not drive a change in behaviour in those businesses.

The proposal for the scheme to pay Local Authorities for litter collection is also of concern. This has the potential to be both open ended and a massive burden on the scheme and the costs of this will have to be borne by the supply chain.

We would welcome your help in bringing this issue at Government level and would appreciate if you are able to lobby on both our behalf and also other food manufacturers and sales organisations in the South Holland and The Deepings constituency, of which there are many in the area and provide the key lifeblood to the area.

We have already taken part in the Government consultation process and submitted our response to the Government survey.

We look forward to hearing from you and if you are in a position to help food businesses in the area.

Best Regards,

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