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Dear Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable

We are a small family business and have been running (a small community pub) in for years. We lease the pub off Punch Taverns. We had a successful and profitable business, but in recent years due to the recession/smoking ban/beer escalator/duty/supermarkets etc. our business declined drastically to point we were struggling to pay the bills. We contacted Punch and arranged a meeting with our PDM. Punch put together a support package (Rent and Beer price reductions). This support was in place for a long period of time as we worked together to find the best solution to go forward, while building a good relationship with Punch and our BRM. We agreed on a joint investment for a refurb inside and out which was much needed. We made a large investment and Punch an even larger one (approx £100k plus) also a permanent reduction in rent and beer prices. The refurb was completed in giving a new lease of life to which would probably be closed now. We are now seeing a small profit, but still have a long way to go to get to where we want and think we should be. With the continued support of Punch Taverns and our PDM hopefully we will get there.

Yours Sincerely