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Re: Government Consultation Pub Companies and Tenants April 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to contribute to the government consultation over the relationship between pubcos and tenants. My [redacted] and myself have been tenants with Punch Taverns for [redacted] years, and overall we feel that the relationship has been positive. Punch appear to have recognised and addressed many of the problems they had in earlier years and now see that proper support of their tenants is vital to the ongoing health of the whole company. To this end we have seen many improvements, such as help with marketing, lots of support with real ales including access to a huge range of ales via the SIBA scheme. Punch are planning [redacted] pub, and we feel the process has been handled very well, with everything clearly laid out to us at every stage.

Of course we would rather be able to be free of tie and buy beer on the open market but this would simply mean that our rent would go up to amount to the same costs. At least this

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way we pay more if the pub does well. The current model allows entry to the trade for a relatively small sum, whereas buying a freehold would never be possible to the majority of tenants.

The real problems in the pub trade stem from government policy, such as a planning, tax policy and over regulation, and blaming pubs for societys alcohol problems when the real issues are with supermarkets.

Yours,

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