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Mr

I am writing this email with regard to the pubco beer tie lease. I have been in these premises for 18 years now and have been under first, and now with punch taverns, with whom I signed a new 5 year lease with years ago. I would agree that the beer is expensive but the company works well with myself to help create a local that people keep wanting to come back to, and give me a great choice of real ales and products through their websites and SIBA. Punch invested money into the property after the last lease was signed to get the pub looking good and fresh, which I wouldn't have been able to do without their help.

If the government really wanted to help small businesses like myself and thousands more, look at things like business rates, supermarkets offering cheap price alcohol, VAT reduction and beer duty escalator. I see many pubs that have closed around and areas, like I'm sure you have yourself, and it is worrying times for the publican with recession still the word looming everywhere you go at the moment.

Punch helped me keep this business when I split from my partner, and pushed it through quickly and efficiently, and yes I have made them money, but their support from regional managers gives me the opportunity to develop my business further.

If you would like to discuss any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me,