

2nd June 2013

With reference to Government Consultation Pub Companies and Tenants April 2013

Dear Dr. Vince Cable

We have been involved in pubs, clubs and nightclubs, as well as hotels for 30 years and took over [redacted] as managers for a tenant almost 3 years ago. The tenant left due to another business venture failing and we leapt at the opportunity to take on the pub as tenants ourselves. Our contact at Punch Taverns is their Regional Business Manager [redacted] and he sat with us innumerable times, answering our questions and helping us to make the right decision.

As the previous tenant had not paid us, we had little money but [redacted] talked through how he and Punch could help and 14 months later, here we are, trading well and getting better, no debt to anyone and looking forward to the future. Without our RBM, our credit assistant [redacted] who helps us manage our finances and is a constant source of support.

Without Punch Tavern's we would not be running our own pub, would not have a roof over our heads, would not be paying VAT or taxes and would be claiming unemployment.

We would wholeheartedly recommend Punch Taverns and their representative, [redacted] Please do not meddle with our industry further.
Yours Sincerely

This has been sent via our Regional Business Manager's e mail address as we do not have a computer but this has been written by ourselves [redacted]