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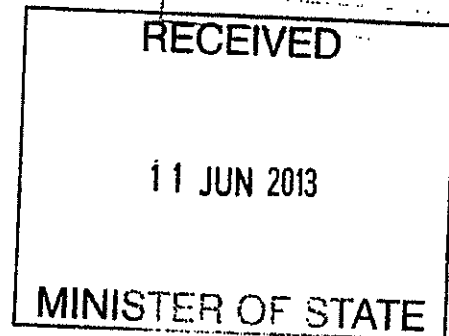
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The Rt Hon Michael Fallon MP
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10 June 2013

Dear Mr Fallon,

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, the above

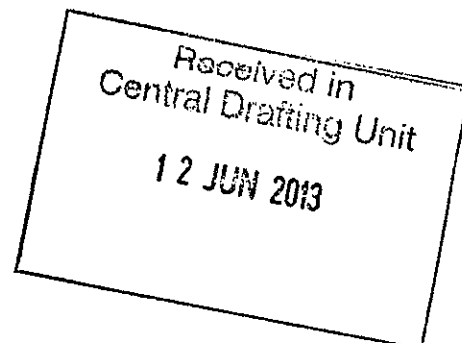
As you can see from the enclosed correspondence has requested that his experience of running a pub serving a rural community be brought to the attention of the Department.

I would be grateful for your close consideration of that experience, and for your comments on the points raises.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter, I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,


Mrs Sarah Newton MP



From:
Sent: 04 June 2013 15:29
To: NEWTON, Sarah
Subject: Letter for BIS

Dear Sarah Newton,

I would like to pass on my thoughts and opinions about being a lease holder of a pub during the current state of our economy. I bought the lease ago therefore, I don't own the pub but I run it and I live here with my family.

The most positive thing to come out of buying a lease is the opportunity it's created for me. Initially I've had to inject some savings into the bar to make changes and to allow it to work however, Punch Taverns still owns the pub which has meant I can afford to run my own business without a massive purchase in the beginning.

The second positive is that I employ local people within the village, cutting out travelling costs.

Unfortunately the biggest problem I have is with the price of alcohol. I find the Government's previous tax increases have done more harm than good to the pub industry- the breweries are forced to charge more therefore we are forced to charge more. Many people can't afford, or want, to pay nearly £4 for a pint of lager and have mentioned a trip to the local supermarket is their preferred choice when it comes to buying alcohol. Similarly, when the smoking ban was introduced (which I happen to agree with for health benefits) a lot of people protested that they would drink at home so they could smoke inside.

The pub is an important part of the local village. It's a social place where anyone can reside. According to the Campaign for Real Ale there are 26 pub closures a week in this country proving that tax and price increase equals job losses.

I believe the problem lies with Government decisions: their decisions don't suit everybody.

Yours faithfully