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Dear Sirs,

We have been Punch Taverns tenants since 200 . We have always had a good relationship with our Business Relations Managers and found them to be fair and listen to our needs. When we took over the pub we had a lot of work to do and after six months we had to approach our bank for a loan for £ to carry out the work the Health and Safety people said we needed doing. We, as do many others, feel that the leases are unfair being "Fully insuring and repairing". Our rent was £3 ,000 per annum and we are in a semi rural location with 4 other pubs, a restaurant and 2 café's. In 200 we qualified for a rent review and managed to get this decreased to £2 000 but it is now back up over £3' 000 with a review due in 2014. The first 2 years in our pub were quite buoyant, even though we came in just a week before the smoking ban we do feel this was a good move. Punch have helped us on a few occasions, one with some work to our roof and sometimes by supplying a few barrel of beer for an event. They hold regular roadshow's that we try to attend but as we have had to cut our staff numbers to pay bills and we are finding it ever more impossible to take time out and are working 7 days, often 16 hour shifts to keep us afloat. We are going to have to sell our lease as it is affecting our health and has ruined us financially.

Regards,

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