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Sent: 16 May 2013 18:02
To: Pubs Consultation Responses
Subject: Submission to Government consultation on statutory (legally binding) Code of Practice for pubcos

- ~ I am public affairs officer for the [REDACTED] branch of CAMRA.
- ~ We have an issue with the [REDACTED] pub in: [REDACTED] where Punch Tavern is making life difficult for the landlord as Tesco Ltd is trying to take over the pub. The tie makes it very difficult in situations like these for tenants and community pubs to survive.
- ~ I support a statutory (legally binding) Code of Practice for pubcos to give tenants a fair deal.
- ~ I agree that because large pub companies take more than is fair or sustainable from pub profits so licensees are struggling to make a fair living. To stop the large pubcos charging excessive rents and high beer prices, all pubco licensees should be offered a choice between a tied option and a Market Rent Only option. For those who choose to remain tied, a Guest Beer Option should be offered. This fair deal will result in the average tied pub being £4000 better off annually
- ~ I agree that it's vital that there's a system in place to ensure pubcos stick to these new rules - so the Code should be underpinned with a powerful new independent adjudicator that should have the power to arbitrate disputes, investigate breaches and impose financial penalties on pubcos that break the rules
- ~ I am happy for the Code not to apply to Britain's family brewers who operate a different model of the tie - so companies with under 500 pubs should be exempt but must abide by a separate voluntary code
- ~ I agree that fairness and ensuring tied licensees are no worse off than free of tie licensees should be at the heart of the Code

Yours sincerely

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