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**From:****Sent:** 13 June 2013 22:13**To:** Pubs Consultation Responses**Subject:** Pub and Pubco Regulation.

Dear Sir, our Madam.

I am writing to you and begging you to do something positive for our pub licensees and pubs because the pubcos simply don't believe in fairness.

My name is ..... I am the Pubs Officer for ..... Camra. I love pubs and every pub I see that is boarded up, demolished or has become something else is truly heartbreaking to me. Many pubs have gone and the ones that have gone are mainly the pubs owned by pubcos. Their greed and their selfishness often, too often the cause for the demise.

We have lost 100's in the last few years. Often the Pubco had taken away the premises license so that the pub can be no more, so denying local people the chance to buy and run their old local. The tactics of the pubcos are disgraceful and tasteless, leading to many people desperate and needing a home after they have been evicted from what was in fact their home and after they have invested thousands of pounds of their own money into the pub. They don't get their money back.

The Beer Tie is denying the licensees a living as they pay so much more for a barrel of beer than a Free of Tie licensee does. Plus the Beer Tie is limiting our choice as a customer. There are now so many micro breweries and yet they can't be used because the Pubco says so. A Free of Tie option would alleviate two things. 1) Give the customer more choice And 2) Let the licensee pay less for the local ale (people love local ale!) therefore cutting the cost to him, which in turn, would actually give him a good chance of making a far living for him and his family.

The Free of Tie pubs around ..... seem to be doing very good business. None of these great pubs are closing. This is because they are Free of Tie! The owners of these pubs, when they have made a good living, will retire and sell the pub. They will have earned their pension for all the hard work they have done. The pub has a chance of carrying on as a pub. But under Pubco ownership as it stands now, how can any licensee ever think of retirement when they are under all these pressures to make a bit of profit? I want the government to give our pub heroes a chance. They are the heroes who try their damndest to keep our history and heritage going.

It's time for the pubcos to cherish our licensees and stop treating them like dirt. It's time to stop the pubcos treating our pubs as just a unit or a disposable when many pubs are really viable.

Please, please do the decent thing and regulate the pubcos giving them orders to offer a Free of Tie option.

Yours faithfully  
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