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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to the recent pubco reform that is taking place in parliament.

I have been working in the pub industry since the age of eighteen and for many years have been interested in entering this market. However, due to the current state of the market this is not looking like a feasible option for me in the near future.

My employers are currently struggling to breakeven with them having to survive off of a basic wage. It is not clear why these large organisations are allowed to take advantage of highly knowledgeable publicans, who work hard to keep these pubs going, by reaping extortionate profits from them.

Moreover, this has affected me and a majority of my colleagues in the sense that we have less hours of work, which on some weeks is less than individuals on Government support are living on. Therefore, I have been forced to reduce my hours to one day with the tied organisation and take on another job as a means of survival.

Ultimately, with pub closures up by 50%, totalling 26 a week (DailyMail, 2013), it is imperative that a statutory code is implemented to ensure that publicans are not being exploited, employees jobs are protected as well as locals in the community having somewhere to go and socialise as for some this is the only social interaction they experience.

Yours Sincerely