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Dear Sir

I am delighted that the government has now decided to look into the relationship between pubcos and their licensees. These licensees are quite literally tied to their pub and have little ability to influence the way in which they earn their money. The pubco provides the building and so, quite rightly, requires reasonable recompense for this, but the licensee generates the income by working long hours in restrictive conditions. If the pubco were to charge them reasonable rents and allow them to provide different beers (guest beers) to attract new customers and increase trade, "their" business will thrive.

One of my passions is real ale and I thoroughly enjoy going to real pubs that know and sell real ale. For this reason, the pubs I most enjoy visiting are independent pubs and not "tied pubs" owned by pubcos. The pubco owner restricts the number of non-company beers available, and indeed, there are usually no such beers (guest beers) available. This makes the job of the landlord of these pubs very difficult as they have to sell company beers at company prices in the same way as mining towns were run at the turn of the century. In fact, I do not go to tied pubs in general because of the lack of availability of different beers.

I strongly support the governmental regulation of pubcos after the failures of self regulation in the past and strongly urge the government to provide legislation with real teeth. This will allow the licensees of tied pubs to benefit from their own hard work by allowing them to grow not only their business, but also the pubcos, by selling the beers that pub goers want (via the guest beer option) and not the beer dictated by the pubco.

Yours sincerely

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