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Good afternoon,

Being a regular pub user faced with more and more Pub Co. pubs in my area being closed by the unscrupulous actions of the companies that operate them I write to urge the Government to make 'The Tie' work far more fairly for Pub Co. tenants. So that at the end of the day tied pub landlords are no worse off than their free of tie counterparts.

As you know Pub Co.s have had nearly a decade of a self-regulatory regime to sort out these huge problems but have not. Therefore the time for a statutory legally binding Code of Practice covering the major Pub Co.s is now well over due.

I know that the likes of Enterprise and Punch/Spirit remove so much profit from many pubs in my area as to make them unsustainable in even the medium term so that most of their landlords are now really struggling to make a reasonable living.

Having spoken to a couple of Pub Co. tenants and former tenants I believe that they should be offered 'Market Rent Only' and 'Guest Beer' options whereby I understand that the average tied pub would be £4000 p.a. better-off.

Therefore it's essential that there's a new system in place to make the Pub Co.s (with over 500 pubs rather than our Family Brewers) adhere to these new regulations which means that any Code needs a strong new independent adjudicator with the authority to sort-out/arbitrate disputes, investigate breaches, as well as imposing financial penalties on the Pub Co.s that break the rules.

Hope you find this contribution useful.

Yours sincerely,

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