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Dear Sir/Madam,

As a pubgoer I feel strongly that many tenants are very disadvantaged by the current system, and that reform is long overdue.

Pubs are hugely important community focal points, and we very much need to protect them as such. Happy tenants are a sine qua non for properly run pubs, and as far as I can see they are a much put-upon breed right now. They need a binding code of practice to prevent large pub companies taking out profits at their expense. This issue has been debated for many years, but not enough has improved, so it is now time for government action to regulate the industry to ensure fair treatment for licensees.

This requires an independent adjudicator in case of dispute. Publicans also need a market rent only option, and a guest beer option. I heard people only last weekend deplore Shepherd Neame's lack of a guest beer option, so I feel it is an issue that should be addressed now for the companies with over 500 pubs, and for those under 500 later. Tied licensees should not be disadvantaged. It is the large companies that are the main problem.

Yours faithfully,

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