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Pubs Consultation,
Consumer and Competition Policy,
Department of Business, Innovation and Skills,
1 Victoria Street,
Westminster,
London SW1H 0ET.

Dear Colleague,

I am writing regarding the consultation on the draft statutory code for tied pubs.

I feel that it is high time for legislation to be brought forward to help ease some of the enormous pressure that tied tenants have been under and I would like to place on record my views on the consultation.

I would like to express my support for 'Option 3' of the consultation (Mandatory free of tie option with open market rent review) which would force all pub owning companies with over 500 pubs to offer a free of tie option with open market rent review.

Free and fair markets are essential to prevent price distortions in the pub sector and to help pubs thrive. The current market structure often prevents this by forcing tied pubs to pay above market value for their rent and products. I believe that Option 3 would go a long way to correcting this imbalance, by offering tied tenants the ability to buy products from the open market and pay a fair market rent for their premises.

I will follow the progress of the draft statutory code with interest and I hope that these views will prevail.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John F. Spellar'.

Rt Hon John F Spellar MP,
Warley.