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Mr. Vince Cable
Pubs Consultation
Consumer and Competition Policy
Dept. For Business, Innovation & Skills
3rd Floor, Orchard 2,
1 Victoria Street,
Westminster,
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Dear Sir

Re: Pub Consultation

We are a Construction Business specialising in Public House Refurbishment. This sector represents over 50% of our business.

Currently the construction industry is very challenging. We have seen our business reduce by over 20% and we believe this new policy will have a major effect on our business.

We are a Partnering Contractor with Enterprise Inns and have been for over 10 years. This has helped us to stabilise our business over this very challenging period and has driven our standard in all areas of our business. Health and Safety has dramatically improved through their support and guidance.

We have witnessed Enterprise Inns continuing to support their publicans throughout our 10 year partnership. If these changes are introduced their support/investment programme will be reduced, which in turn will effect our business. We currently have over 63 personnel employed directly and over 20 sub-contractors who support our business. If the investment programme is reduced this will cause us to reduce our personnel and sub-contractor use.

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Over the last 6 months we have been involved with Enterprise Inns investment programme regarding closed houses. This programme has seen investment into public houses which are not in a position to trade effectively. We believe this investment would not have taken place if driven by a sole publican.

The Sole publican would find it very difficult to generate the finance needed to get these properties into a trading position.

May we please request that you consider with the Construction Sector in you Consultation.

Yours faithfully

Michael Grainger
Managing Director

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