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Dear Sir

Re: Government Consultation Pub Companies and Tenants April 2013.

We are a small Cornish company specialising in pub maintenance and improvements and have carried out numerous contracts with Punch Taverns which makes up approximately percent of our annual turnover with contract figures up to

We employ a small number of full time staff with Electrical, Plumbing, Gas, Fire Solutions, Drainage and Appliance supply and maintenance being sub- contracted out to local suppliers. As you will appreciate with the recession and Cornwall being one of the least prosperous counties, it could be disastrous for all of us if a change in legislation had an adverse affect on companies like Punch Taverns which could possibly restrict their work programmes

We have recently been involved in two types of works for Punch Taverns. Firstly: R4B (ready for business). This includes carrying out a survey to the fabric of the building and its equipment, identifying and rectifying any faults that arise and ensure that everything is compliant, which in turn will aid the Tenants to operate their businesses successfully. Secondly: I4G (investment for growth). This is where we are invited to price works from a wish list set out by the Tenant to enhance their business. We are pleased to report that results from completed works to date have been positively received by Tenants and customers alike.

We believe Punch Taverns to be making a real effort to improve their pubs for the benefit of the Tenants.

When making a decision concerning these matters please take into consideration that county's like Cornwall need large company's such as Punch Taverns to boost the economy and enable small businesses to survive.

Yours faithfully

Roger Martin  
Director