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To whom it may concern.

We are a small shop fitting company who started out 14 years ago, With myself Mark Lennox and mark Bexon, we got involved in a couple of local pub refurbishments And before long got the chance of doing work for Punch around 10 years ago. Since then we have grown considerably in size and now employ around 20 people in the area. We are based in the small town of Torquay and are a well known contractor in the area as we have distributed a fair amount of Punch contracts to small sub contractors I.e. plumbers, electricians Etc.

We are very much involved in the investment and maintainance work that Punch carry out In looking after their estate. At the moment we are undertaking the main contract of a project Worth: in Okehampton in Devon, there have been three pubs in this town close over The past few months and I am sure with this Punch investment it will not only be good for the Pub trade but the the town centre as a whole.

I feel very strongly that Punch are a very Responsible as a property owner, as we have been heavily involved in a scheme called READY FOR BUSINESS in which they are investing heavily in bringing all the pubs up to a Minimum standard, for example fire risk works, gas compliance works, electrical compliance Works and general condition and appearance of these premises, and it has also given our Company a lot of contracts in the process of which myself and Mark Bexon my business partner, are Very grateful.

If Punch were to downsize due to government intervention then this would Have a big impact on my company as we rely on over % of our work from Punch and would Have to make a lot of our staff redundant. Punch do a very good job at running their business And give a lot of leasees some very good oppertunities , I think the government needs to look at the good that Punch puts into the pub trade and also what it puts back into the wider economy and If this was to be interfered with then a lot of people will suffer, there is not a lot of work here in the Southwest and we all very lucky to have ended up as contractors to them as they are Good guys to work with and always pay on time. You cant ask for any more than that.

Yours Scincerely

Mark Lennox Managing Director.