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DEAR SIR/MADAM

I am writing this letter to voice my concerns over the possibility of new legislation that I think could be very damaging to the Great British Pub Industry.

I am an experienced Area Manager working for Admiral Taverns in for over 10 years.

Currently the tenanted pub sector is governed by the Industry Framework Code of practice which although recently only introduced fully is working fantastically well.

Admiral Taverns have Embraced the IFC and the relationships between pub co and tenant have never been stronger.

I have spoken to a great number of my tenants and they like me cannot understand why, when everything is running so smoothly, someone would want to introduce even more legislation.

The consultation in my opinion has been brought about by a minority group of disgruntled people who have had disputes with very large pub companies.

This group certainly have a right to voice their concerns but in my opinion the outcome if new legislation is brought in could be catastrophic for the pub industry.

Every time new legislation is brought in e.g., All day opening, smoking ban, Machine duty, there is a major impact on pub closures.

I would ask that during the consultation a fair approach is taken and the concerns of the satisfied employees in the great

British Pub Industry are also taken into consideration.

My biggest fear is that if new legislation is brought in, even though we have a more than adequate appeals process within the Industry Framework Code of Practice, there would be a major increase in pub closures across the country leading to thousands of people becoming unemployed.

I would ask that the panel see sense and realise the pub industry is not in bad shape and doesn't need to be governed by even more red tape.

Yours Sincerely