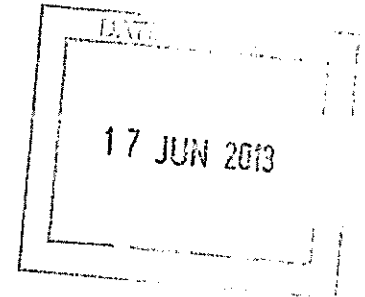
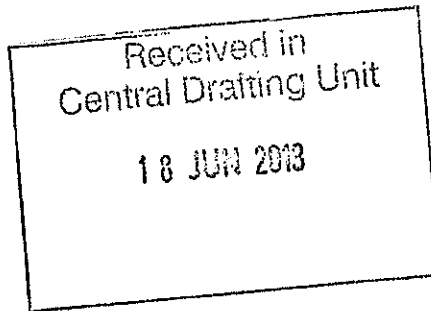


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Cc Vince Cable MP The Department of Business, Innovation and Skills, 1 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0ET

Dear

I write in relation to the BIS Pub Companies and Tenants-Government Consultation as presented by Vince Cable MP

As one of your constituents, a fan of the Great British Pub and an Employee of Enterprise Inns plc, I wish to express my concerns over the Consultation report which is, I believe, somewhat inaccurate and dangerously misleading.

Personally, I first started working for Enterprise Inns plc at . At that time I was unemployed, with a student debt that seemed it would never be paid off and was struggling to get on the first rung of the housing ladder. So then, my first views of Enterprise Inns were as an important local employer. Enterprise Inns is vital to the employment of many of your constituents, as I'm sure you appreciate.

My employment at Enterprise Inns plc allowed me to support me and my family through the years with hard work, integrity and dedication. My colleagues, many of whom I consider Friends also work extremely hard with the upmost integrity.

Whilst I appreciate, and have concerns over the number of Pub Closures nationally. It must be recognised that Pubs are not alone on our high street, or in our towns and villages of experiencing the effects of the worst recession in my memory.

Personally, I feel that the suggestions raised point the finger at the 'big bad wolf' Pub Companies, rather than truly reflecting the reality of life for Publicans / Tenants and employees of the Pubcos.

I have witnessed Publicans who have become successful Regional Managers for Pubcos and likewise have seen Enterprise Inns Employee who has aspired to and realised his ambition to run his own Pub /Business (An Enterprise Inns site). Hardly a condemnation of the Pubco Tenant Partnership!

With the recession hitting hard, the ongoing effects of the Smoking Ban in Pubs, and changing consumer habits, Publicans are now, more than ever under pressure to build their

businesses and reliant upon the support of Enterprise Inns to do so. Let's not forget also the revenue collected by the Government from our Publicans, VAT, Duty, Business Rates all collected for the Government who are now looking to increase legislation and red tape in the name of 'fairness'. These proposals reinforced by a government consultation which is itself inaccurate and misleading. It uses as justification for statutory intervention "calls" to the BII Helpline, which it mistakenly reclassifies as "complaints" . It fails to recognise OFT reports published in 2009 and 2010, which concluded that competition in the industry is benefiting consumers and prevents the beer tie from being used to inflate pub beer prices beyond competitive levels. Also the proposals are contrary to Government policy on Deregulation and a complete u-turn from statements made by BIS just twelve months ago;

Of great concern is that should the proposals be enacted, the proposals could lead to a whole raft of unintended consequences such as pub and brewery closures, lack of investment, reduction in consumer choice, job losses, a fall in tax revenues in short a complete own goal for the Government, Pub Tenants, consumers, Pubco employees their families and the hard working communities where our pubs are based. Also potentially, the end of a great system which offers a low-cost, lower risk business opportunity for aspiring Publicans, fully supported by our skills and resources. In short, these proposals would ensure a complete 'own goal' for the Government.

I do hope you appreciate my concerns, and trust that you can liaise with Rt Hon Vince Cable MP who I feel has been misguided or misled with the information given to him prior to the Proposal.

I would ask that you consider the debate more fully, than the biased consultation document which is based upon flawed and misleading evidence and ultimately reject the proposals of the consultation document.

I look forward to hearing from you

Yours Sincerely

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