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**To:** (); Enquiry Enquiry (Other Government Departments)

**Subject:** Re: Government Consultation on Pub Companies and Tenants April 2013

**To: Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, Dept for Business, Innovation and Skills**

**CC:** MP

Dear Dr Cable and

I write as an employee of Punch Taverns, one of the large Pub Companies (Pubcos) that will be affected by the Government Consultation on Pub Companies and Tenants.

I have been an employee of Punch Taverns and have witnessed the culture change that has happened within the company since then. As someone who deals directly with our tenants as an area manager, I can assure you that the relationship is guided by our company Code of Practice and this has promoted a fair, open and transparent relationship. Please bear in mind that the tied pub model allows those looking for a business opportunity but who do not have sufficient funding to buy a freehold property, to enter the business with an achievable level of investment. There are many success stories from the tied pub estates which I am sure you will hear, if you chose to.

I am concerned that the outcome of any government legislation could mean the break up of companies such as Punch Taverns which could jeopardise not only my job, but the jobs of my colleagues.

Yours sincerley