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Local MP – ...

Dear Dr Cable

Government Consultation Pub Companies and Tenants April 2013

We have a Punch Taverns pub in . We are aware of moves to end the beer tie and are concerned that this may result in an increase of rent at both of our pubs. Whilst we recognise that our beer prices would go down, we are not convinced that we will be better off.

Punch have enabled us to take on the pub without asking for a full deposit or full payment for fixtures and fittings upfront. They are also invested £50k in the property and provide significant ongoing support. If they are put in a position where they will rely on rent alone, we cannot see a reason for them to retain ownership of our pub.

It is our opinion that many small pubs rely on the support of pub companies and that they provide this support as the returns generated are sufficient for them to continue owning such pubs. Too many pubs have closed and we do not want the to join them.

Yours sincerely

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