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For the attention of Rt. Hon Dr Vince Cable & Fiona Bruce MP

As a long standing employer and employee within the pub trade sector, I have been taking a close look at the Governments intentions to intervene within our industry yet again with regard to the consultation around a Statutory Code.

As tenants of two pubs, as well as having spent over 20 years working within the tenanted sector of the pub industry, I believe I have considerable knowledge in order to give a balanced view of the industry.

When we took over it had been closed for almost a year and a valuable community asset was in danger of being lost forever. Our landlord, Punch Taverns took the decision to invest over £150,000 in the site in order for us to have a reasonable chance at making a decent living at the pub. Very few individuals would have the capability to spend such sums on a property in the hope of making it successful and without this help the pub would still be closed.

Our initial discussions with Punch were easy, pleasant and amenable in which both parties were focused on the community aspect of the pub. I am pleased to say that Punch Taverns agreed after reasonable negotiation, to offer us a 5 year agreement on excellent terms which gave us a genuine opportunity to succeed, which we are doing.

The pub is better than it ever was, is once again a thriving hub of its community and looks like staying that way for many years to come. I have to tell you that my experience of Punch has been that positive that we have taken a second pub with them

Once again, negotiations were easy and straight forward, Punch have done exactly what they agreed to do and a super community pub is back on the rails and heading in the right direction.

The level of ongoing support from Punch Taverns has been excellent for myself and my managers in terms of marketing, Advice and training sessions that have been available for all staff free of charge.

We personally feel that Punch along with ourselves have given our two pubs the opportunity to survive and thrive, not only that, but I have to tell you, if a third pub becomes available and suits

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our needs, we wouldn't hesitate to work with Punch again..

There is, I believe, genuine danger of Government interference creating an unstable platform for tenants moving forwards. The issue is not in my view, about the beer tie, it is about how tenants are supported which is the key element and I have no issues with the excellent support I've received so far.

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