

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

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Re Government Consultation Pub Companies and Tenants April 2013

Dear Dr. Cable

I am a Punch Taverns lessee and have been for over 13 years and after starting all those years ago with just one pub I now have 12, ranging from leases and tenancies to temporary agreements and with 3 pub different pub companies, namely Punch, Enterprise and Marston's.

Although the support I have received over those years has been varied, without their support I would not still be in the business due to huge increases in utility bills, a complete lack of understanding or help from local councils and authorities and crippling duty increases. The government's lack of understanding that the pub companies provide is not available in any other industry and despite mistakes that have been made by them in the past, they are developing and changing for the better.

If only government would do the same.