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To Whom it may concern, My name is , I'm currently the Publican at , in (an Enterprise Inns Property), I'm writing this email to express both my experience & opinion of being an operator of a tied pub & indeed my dealings with one the UK's Largest Pubcos. In the past four years I have got through many difficulties running this pub, from the initial start up, to anti social behavior, to the beer escalator , rising prices & such Yes, if this was a free of tie pub i would be better off, but I also would not be running now, Enterprise made it very easy for me to enter the trade here, their help & support has been second to none, I feel there would have been no opportunity for me to become a self employed publican without a company like Enterprise , simply because i would never have been able to finance such a venture. there a pros & cons to every argument & the tied/free of tie one is not going to come to an end soon. When I signed me agreement, I knew exactly what I was signing & what options I had when it came to the tie. It seems to me a lot of the complaints coming from with in the industry are from people who signed similar agreements to me, who also knew what I knew when I signed mine. Why complain & bemoan the pubcos , if you don't like the options they give us don't sign a deal. I currently have 6 years left on my agreement, when this time is up , I don't know if i will stay in the trade, not because of the tie simply because i feel pubs are being squeezed to much by other means, the government can point the finger at the pubcos all they want, they left the escalator running for way to long, and caused more damage than any tie. I also had another pub called in , this business failed and Enterprise made it easy for me to exit my agreement , basically I have always had a good working relationship with them & they wanted to help as much as they could in a bad time. the same way they have given me support in the good times with . In my opinion what will happen if the tie is removed will be, the pubcos will have no choice but to raise the asking prices for leases & rents, thus keeping people like me out of the trade & in turn seeing more pubs close & never open again,

Yours Sincerely

Publican

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