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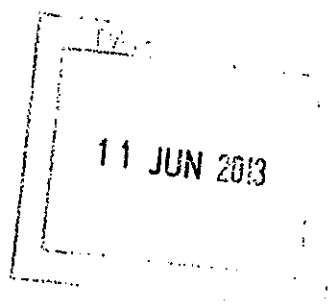
Dr Vince Cable

Secretary of State For Business Innovation and Skills

House of Commons

Westminster

London



Dear Mr Cable

Re: Government Consultation Pub Companies and Tenants April 2013

I am writing because I am concerned that if the government isn't careful they're going to throw out the baby with the bath water.

It looks to me like the government have decided that pub companies are all bad

And that they (the pub companies) do nothing for the tenants - this is not true.

I started at the approximately years ago.

I started the business with less than 2k in cash and with Punch Taverns help and the

The support of the area manager have built into a thriving pub and more importantly

I have been able to expand my business and now operate circa 10 pubs at anyone

time. These pubs employ plus 40 people in some tough areas where jobs are not easy to come by.

I couldn't have done what I have done without the help and support of punch taverns

They have helped me through thick and thin, they've advanced me credit when needed,

They've paid for necessary repairs when I didn't have the money to do the works, they've

supplied extra discount to help me compete in what is a difficult market and most important

they have provided business advice and support which has proved invaluable.

For these reasons and more it is important that pub companies like punch taverns are

allowed to survive because if they don't even more pubs will disappear and small

business like me will find it almost impossible to get started and finally local communities will suffer .

Yours Sincerely