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Subject	RE: Pubs Code
From	[REDACTED]
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How will this help any pubs.

If they keep our rent the same, which [REDACTED] have just informed me they will do, they will put our beer up even more.

Is this some kind of joke?

What is the point of the Pub Code if it doesnt help?

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From: [REDACTED]

To: pubs.consultation@bis.gsi.gov.uk

Subject: Pubs Code

Date: Thu, 29 Oct 2015 17:50:24 +0000

THE RT HON ANNA SOUBRY MP

Dear Anna

I am writing to you with regard to the pub code. I am not particularly bothered about going free of tie, if we were to have a decent discount on our Beer prices from our PUB CO and a change in our fully repairing leases. I have attached my prices from [REDACTED] and the price I can buy for at a cash and carry.

It works out £100 cheaper for a 22g from a cash and carry than I have to pay from my pub co.

I have a fully repairing lease, as do hundreds of other people and I am tied to beers, ciders and specialities. On average I take about £[REDACTED] a week and on average £[REDACTED] goes to my pub co.

After wages, utility bills etc there is usually nothing left. Any spare monies goes on repairs. I usually have to find money to pay my VAT bill.

For various reasons I am stuck here until I can sell my lease.

I took a loan on my house to buy the lease.

I think you should consider that a pub co, should give us a decent discount on our beers.

I can buy bottle of lager/ciders half or a third of the the price from sainsburys/tescos etc.

But my lease does not allow it. There will be no independent lease owners soon, they will be dead with the stress or bankrupt. I had to take on a solicitor to get a fair rent. Which is still slightly high for my takings. But I can just scrape through and I dont want to go through it again.

I know there are hundreds of lease owners like myself, and I think you should talk independently, to them.

My pub is quite old and needs new windows, I got a very good quote but the PUB CO would not spend £[REDACTED] which was a good price for the size of the pub. They spent £[REDACTED] (so they tell me) on a few widow, repairs. They did do some roof repairs, and

thats when my discount went right down on my beers.

They give it to you in one way then they take it away in another way.

I will be [REDACTED] next year, and hopefully would have sold my lease by then.

I cant even retire like I wanted to because the age for retirement went up.

I have worked all my life and paid my taxes. I became a publican just over [REDACTED] years ago. It is the hardest and stressful work I have ever done, I pay myself £[REDACTED] a month and put about [REDACTED] hours a week or more into the job. I have put all my savings into this pub which I will not recuperate. I have bad health and nothing to look forward to because the government and the pub co has taken all my money. (VAT 20%).

I urge you to please take what I have said into consideration, and hopefully restore my faith in the Government.

Yours Faithfully

[REDACTED]