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From	[REDACTED]
To	Pubs Consultation Responses
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My name is [REDACTED] and i am a pubco victim. The short story is that when we signed up for a lease [REDACTED] years ago with [REDACTED], it was quite obvious that although we were experienced in the practical side of running a pub , we had no clue how to run a business and for the next [REDACTED] [REDACTED] exploited us and stole from us at every opportunity .We are not alone and it is not only the brainless that they are robbing .They have absolutely no scruples whatsoever .The only thing that will go someway to addressing this is to pass this bill unwatered down and make it watertight .Please listen to people like [REDACTED] , to name a few these are the people that know the truth .They speak the truth .Below i have copied a letter [REDACTED] .Since then we have been driven out of our pub by [REDACTED] who were desperate to get us out of the pub ahead of MRO . they wanted us to sign an agreement that gave them the right to give us [REDACTED] notice to quit the pub if the law changed and they no longer had power over where we purchased our beer from . They are now taking us to court for loss of rent and revenue even though the pub was trading again weeks after we left . They are charging us for work that has not been carried out and i can 100 % prove this .These are the sort of people that we are up against and must be stopped . please dont waste this opportunity to help 1,000s of people that are daily being exploited .
thank you for your time .
[REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED],

Our story is short but not very sweet ,i have lived in the village all my life ,i am now [REDACTED] years young. When the [REDACTED] came up for lease [REDACTED] years ago we decided that we could bring it back to life as a thriving village community pub . I left a job with the [REDACTED] and my husband retired from [REDACTED] .We didnt count on any person in this world being as conniving and devious as [REDACTED] are .Our plan was to run the pub for [REDACTED] years and then sell the lease on , what a joke that turned out to be !!. We have put all our money ,time and energy into trying to run a business that had no chance of success from the beginning . The whole model is designed on people sinking their money into a pub , failing and reeling the next unsuspecting victim in . We have survived for the whole of our time here by robbing Peter to pay Paul .We work all the hours ourselves,we dont take a wage and are now totally wiped out and skint , we have no option but to walk away with nothing but leaving [REDACTED] with a cleaner , better maintained pub for the next person to add to , or to undo all the work we have done , [REDACTED] dont really care as long as the money keeps coming their way.
Because we went to our bdm asking for help and making it clear we have no more money to offer they came up with a proposal .They would loan us the money to to refurbish the pub and put us on "[REDACTED]". This would have made us managers and if we didnt hit a certain amount of barrelage a week would have given them the right to give us [REDACTED] weeks notice to quit .So they were willing to loan us thousands of pounds knowing full well we would not be able to pay it back . That would have left us homeless but still paying for a newly refurbished pub !. When we refused their answer to us was to cut our credit off. So even though we didnt owe them any money we now have to pay for our beer before they will deliver it .They deliberately put you in a position where you have to buy out of tie and then fine you and remind you that you have broke your terms and conditions of your lease .We are desperately trying to hold on until after christmas. Whatever happens within the law now, will be to late to help us but our stories must

make a difference and stop these unscrupulous business practices that ruin peoples lives .I am crying as i write this because we have been so naive and trusting and have put our heart and soul into this Pub that has been our home ,we have nothing left but debt to look forward to and will be coming out feeling like the worse failures .Please stop these people .

[REDACTED]