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Dear [MP],

**Commercial Rent (Prohibition of Upward-Only Reviews) Bill**

May I urge you to do everything you can to support this private member’s bill.

Aside from its effect in other business sectors, local pubs have been unique in suffering for 33 years - since the Beer Orders - from the iniquity of upwards-only rents.  This is because of the large number of pubs, released from brewery ownership, were bought up by non-brewing property companies.  Over the years rents have increased inexorably and this is one of the principal reasons that so many pubs face closure - taking with them an essential part of our way of life and the removal of community assets.

Making upwards-only clauses illegal will enable rents at the next renewal to be renegotiated to realistic market rents. Although more needs to be done to ensure that the current market rent assessments are regulated too as the pool of suitable valuation companies is too small and many are conflicted, perceptions of bias are manifest.

Action now is please to support this excellent (and brief) bill which is very much to the point and which will provide much needed relief to your local pubs.

If you cannot support this bill, can you at least support a competition review into the wholesale beer market, the last one was 33 years ago in 1989 (the Beer Orders). Much has changed and not for the better.

With best wishes, as ever

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