

Mr Patsy MCGlone MLA Constituency Office 54A William Street, Cookstown. **BT80 8NB**

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Taphouse Licence

Dear Patsy,

Were writing to you with regards to the information received pertaining to the proposed addition to the licencing laws of a "Taphouse Licence".

This has cause great concern among us and other publicans we have spoken with today. Although it is a good idea to allow craft breweries to sell their own products, unfortunately the review is considering a much wider criteria for taphouses.

This will have a devastating effect on our industry as the result will be taphouses appearing in every town as wealthy businesspeople exploit a way to open what will be in reality, the new pub.

Our industry like many has being massively impacted with the pandemic and should this go forward the industry will no longer exist.

We would appreciate if you could pass on our concerns and the concerns of the industry to your colleagues in the assembly.

Both I and Jp would like to thank you for your continuous help and effort to support us and the community during an exceedingly difficult year and we look forward to a hopeful and brighter future ahead. Many Thanks and stay safe.

Kindest Regards



