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Hi Patsy,

I'm a publican from Magherafelt and am extremely concerned at the prospect of the new licensing laws incorporating a new type of license, "tap house" license. The origin of this idea is a good one, to allow craft breweries to sell their own products, unfortunately the review is considering a much wider criteria for tap houses. The result will be taphouses appearing in every town centre as wealthy businessmen exploit a way to open what will in reality be new pubs. This would jeopardise the pub industry in normal times, but with the current pandemic this threatens the very existence of the industry.

Please pass on my concerns and the real concerns of the industry to your colleagues up in the assembly.

Keep the good work up,

Mark