

# **The Market Inn**

**25 St Patrick's Street Draperstown BT45 7AJ**

24<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Patsy,

Hope all is well with you during this extremely difficult time.

I know the licensing review is currently under way and there is discussion of licensed Taprooms. The licensed trade is already on its knees and if this were to go through it would be the final nail in the coffin for local pubs.

Many pubs have used the value of their licence as equity with financial institutions for many years now and have invested heavily with this an inbuilt valuation.

The Pub trade is currently held to account by the very value of their licence and to adopt the Tap room model would totally undermine this not to mention the further unfair competition from this angle in an already struggling trade.

I am sure you would agree that Pubs add so much with their contribution to community cohesion many being at the heart of their village or town.

I hope you can appreciate the critical nature of this issue and ask for your support for the licensed Pubs at this critical time in not adopting the proposed Tap rooms.

Regards Maurice Regan,

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