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Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP  
Chancellor of the Exchequer

Sent by email.

22 July, 2020

Dear Chancellor,

### **Small Breweries' Relief Scheme**

We are writing to you on regarding the above, and the proposed changes to Small Breweries' Relief (SBR). As you're aware, the current arrangement for under this scheme means that micro breweries, producing less than 5,000 hectolitres (hl) annually receiving a 50% discount.

Any plans to reduce this threshold to 2,100 hl will ultimately have detrimental impact on microbreweries, such as those operating in the constituency we represent. As we gather, this could result in around 150 microbreweries around the UK, who currently receive the discount, no longer being eligible.

Small businesses -and their success- are crucial to our economic recovery through the current crisis. We are deeply concerned that the UK government's plans on this front are contrary to the needs of small businesses right now.

We urge to you to assess the UK government's plans on changes to the Small Breweries' Relief Scheme so as to avoid any potential loss in duty discount/relief by microbrewery businesses.

Many thanks for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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