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The Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP
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Dear Rishi,

I hope you are well.

I know small independent brewers in my constituency and elsewhere in the country welcome the landmark announcement that a lower rate of duty will be introduced on draught beer, as announced by you in the recent Budget.

This policy which will be greatly beneficial to the brewing and pub sector, particularly as we continue to recover from the economic impact of COVID-19.

However, small brewers are concerned that the new lower rate will only apply to beer placed in containers of at least 40 litres in size. Many smaller breweries use 20 or 30 litre kegs and casks which will currently be excluded. These are bought by community wet led pubs that small breweries rely on for their business.

I am writing to ask you to consider extending the scheme to include beer produced by small brewers in 20 or 30 litre kegs and casks. I am sure you would agree that the entire sector should be able to benefit from the Draught Relief and the fantastic work that you and your team are doing to help our economy recover from the pandemic.

Please let me know if I can provide further information or if you would like to visit one of our local breweries with me.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elliot Colburn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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