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*Dear Constituent,*

Thank you for contacting me about support for pubs and beer.

I believe that pubs make an important contribution to our culture – fostering a sense of place and community – and the UK economy. The Government’s ‘Brexit Pubs Guarantee’ confirms the alcohol duty you pay for a drink on tap at your local pub will be up to 11p less per pint than what you will pay in a supermarket. Moreover, the new alcohol duty system implemented in August included a new Draught Relief that provides a significant duty discount on alcohol sold in containers of 20 litres or more in the on-trade.

Pubs will also benefit from business rates support worth £13.6 billion over the next five years, including a more generous Retail, Hospitality and Leisure relief scheme that has increased from 50% to 75% in 2023-24.

The Energy Bill Relief Scheme provided £7.4 billion of energy bill support to businesses including pubs. Eligible businesses will continue to get a baseline discount on energy bills under the Energy Bills Discount Scheme from the 1st April 2023 until the 31st March 2024.

Moreover, to continue to support the hospitality sector, the Government recently announced the extension of the temporary off-sales regulatory easement – set out in the Business and Planning Act 2020 – until the 31st March 2025. This extension enables holders of licences that only cover ‘on sales’ to continue to sell alcohol for consumption off the premises, including ‘takeaway pints’, for a further 18 months.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

**CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS MP**  
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