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Dear Selaine Saxby,

I am writing to you on behalf of CAMRA and all our members, both in North Devon and throughout the UK, to thank you for securing the recent debate on the hospitality industry during COVID-19.

The past year has been incredibly challenging for the pubs, clubs, brewers and cider makers that CAMRA campaigns for, and I was encouraged to see so much support for the industry.

I am grateful to you for drawing attention to the economic contributions of the sector, as well as the economic challenges it is currently facing. It was particularly welcome to hear so much support for a preferential rate of duty for draught beer. I believe we met last year at the launch of our research on the preferential duty rate and CAMRA remains passionate about campaigning for this proposal.

Pubs, clubs, brewers and cider makers have a key role to play in both the social and economic recovery from the pandemic – but this will only be possible if viable businesses continue to receive the support they need during the reopening period. We remain hopeful that, with the cross-party support demonstrated at the debate, our locals will be able to continue proving countless benefits to their communities and thrive in the future.

Once again, I would like to thank you for championing the hospitality businesses in your constituency and representing consumers across the UK.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nik Antona'.

Nik Antona
CAMRA National Chair