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Dear Mr. Cummins,

Thank you for your letter dated 20th May regarding the 'Keep VAT at 9%' Campaign.

I am writing to you to express my support for this campaign.

I fully agree that this VAT Rate of 9% has indeed a positive effect on making our Hospitality Sector more competitive, and while it is of great benefit to Irish Consumers, it also helps to encourage tourists to visit our Country.

I wish to convey that I too would very much hope that this VAT Rate will be maintained. I will certainly make my voice heard in this regard to Minister Noonan and Minister Varadkar.

It is important to note that Government Policy is determined not to increase, where possible, taxes on Employment and other Business Taxes.

If there is any other matter with which I may be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

DARA MURPHY TD