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RE: 'Keep VAT at 9%' campaign

Dear Adrian,

Thank you for your letter regarding the 'Keep VAT at 9%' campaign for restaurants and tourism services. As the leading business organisation for the Cork region, representing approximately 1,000 businesses that employ in excess of 100,000 people. Cork Chamber of Commerce has a mandate to develop and promote policy recommendations that create an enabling business environment and support the region's economic development.

The Chamber fully supports the 9% VAT rate for the hospitality sector and has consistently highlighted its impact and importance for the sector and the wider domestic economy in all of its communications and engagements with the relevant stakeholders and policy decision makers. We have also incorporated calls for the extension of the reduced VAT rate into our Pre-Budget submissions in addition to our wider formal communications with the relevant stakeholders.

We wish you every success with the 'Keep the VAT at 9%' campaign and will continue to advocate for extension of the rate in all appropriate fora.

Yours Sincerely,

Conor Healy
Chief Executive