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To Whom It May Concern:

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Businesses across America receive a lot of revenue from customers buying flavored malt beverages. If these new regulations take effect, my business and many like mine would be considerably hurt or possibly even go out of business.

Something is vitally wrong when rule changes, that would hurt a lot of small businesses that are already struggling, are proposed by our government. These new regulations would significantly damage small retailers that depend on flavored malt beverage sales.

This is not a good way to encourage economic growth. These new regulations need to be stopped. I urge you to oppose these rule changes, and show that you care for the thousands of small retailers that are counting on you.

I would appreciate your thoughts on this issue.

Rick Saline