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Chief
Regulations and Procedures Division.
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

RE: TTB Notice No.4

Dear Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau:

I cannot efficiently operate my business when the government keeps increasing taxes. The new targets are flavored malt beverages. My store depends on the sales of these products, and I don't want to lose my business. Customers will cease to buy products, such as Smirnoff and Zima, because of regulations that are harmful.

Research has proven that the excise tax revenue is not in any immediate danger. However the TTB wants to proceed with the harmful changes. This should not be permitted.

The economy is heading in a downward spiral and will continue to do so unless something is done. I respectfully urge you to put an end to this proposal, and vote against the TTB's regulations. Your help is needed to ensure that the changes don't become a nationwide policy. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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