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Chief
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Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: TTB Notice Number Four

I am writing because it is imperative that you know how strongly I oppose the proposed new regulations for flavored malt beverage products. These rule changes, outlined in the Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) Notice No.4, mean serious financial trouble for businesses and consumers. If this proposal is passed, manufacturers will have to pass on the cost of these changes. Retailers and consumers will both bear the brunt. This proposal is an example of unproductive use of the government's time.

For close to thirty years, the current regulations for flavored malt beverages have worked just fine. The TTB's proposal would change all that. What is the point?

One thing the U.S. economy does not need right now is more regulations. We need to do everything possible to encourage sales of products like Zima and Smirnoff Ice. Your help in opposing Notice No.4 would be greatly appreciated. I know we can count on you.

Thank you for time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Terry Johnson

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