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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 Sir/Madam:

I recently became aware that the TTB has proposed new rules (TTB Notice No.4) for the flavored malt beverage industry that will undoubtedly hurt the stability of my small retail business. These new rules will make it virtually impossible to manufacture flavored malt beverages at a competitive price level. Surely, it will lead to the destruction of the flavored malt beverage industry.

As a small retailer, I rely heavily on the sales of flavored malt beverages. These beverages are a vital revenue stream for my business and they have helped my business grow over the past few years. If TTB Notice No.4 is allowed to pass, I can only assume that business is going to suffer. That is why I am writing to you today.

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I respectfully ask that you oppose the proposed rule changes in TTB Notice No.4. I also ask that you work together with the flavored malt beverage industry to find a mutually beneficial compromise. The stability of many American small retailers depends on a viable solution to this issue.

Thank you for your support.  
Sincerely,

David Collins