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G&A Grocery

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Chief  
Regulations and Procedures Division  
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau  
P.O. Box 50221  
Washington, D.C. 20091-0221  
RE: TTB Notice No. 4

Dear Sir/Madam:

Everyone in the retail industry agrees that the proposed rules changes for flavored malt beverages are a destructive use of regulatory power. If implemented these new regulations would " destroy a profitable line of business that supports employment and pays taxes. Even if the flavored malt beverages category were not eliminated, the new tax would make it too expensive. No matter how you look at it, the retailer is the one who will pay the price, in profits!

The rules changes under consideration would have the effect of destroying the flavored malt beverage drink category through forced changes in content or patently unaffordable taxes. This would have a severe negative impact on retail businesses and the people whose jobs depend on them.

Please support the people who buy and sell flavored malt beverages. Thank you.

Sincerely

Ann Sides

I really feel we have been taxed enough on everything, (Is there no end to this?)