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L & N Liquor Store
Cushing, OK 74023-2743

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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

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: TTB Notice Number Four

We operate a business in Cushing, OK that depends on sales of flavored malt beverages. Products like Captain Morgan Gold, Bacardi Silver, and Smirnoff Ice fly off our shelves. I am convinced that the proposed new regulations would sabotage this family of products by making it impossible to produce or too costly to sell. That means a direct hit to my bottom line. I urge you to oppose TTB Notice No.4.

The typical small retail establishment that sells flavored malt beverages is run by hard-working people like us who obey the law, pay their taxes and earn a modest living. The new rules would be a direct assault on these people. How fair is that? The U.S. economy needs stimulation and momentum. It doesn't need the added regulatory burden these rule changes would create.

Your help is urgently needed to see that this proposed rule does not become national policy.

Sincerely,

Ken Duckworth