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RE: TTB NOTICE NUMBER FOUR

Chief
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To Whom It May Concern:

The recovery of the U.S. economy has been hindered by too many taxes and costly regulations. We should be eliminating these impediments to aid our economic recovery. The last thing we need is more taxes. The VERY last thing my small business can handle is additional regulations, which will increase the price of flavored malt beverages and reduce my sales!

The ATF/TTB realized, and finally concluded that flavored malt beverage sales have no negative impact on federal excise tax receipts. Therefore, please don't commit the expensive irony of passing rules that will create such an impact.

Please support the people who buy and sell flavored malt beverages and prevent what would be a disastrous change in policy for this industry. Retailers are already struggling to stay in business and make the slimmest of profits. Don't enact regulations that will only destroy us.

Sincerely Yours,

Henry Elsner

