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RE: TTB NOTICE NUMBER FOUR

May 12, 2003

Chief  
Regulations and Procedures Division  
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau  
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Washington, D.C.. 20091-0221

Dear Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau:  
I would like to register my opposition to the TTB's position outlined in Notice Number 4 regarding flavored malt beverages. These rules, if enacted would have a devastating effect on the industry as well as the small businesses that sell these products. That is why I feel strongly that the TTB must re-examine these proposed rules.

Over the past five years retail stores have become more and more dependant on the sales of flavored malt beverages. These sales, however, are now in jeopardy given the TTB's push to reclassify flavored malt beverages. It is because of this reason that the TTB should re-evaluate the decision to push for a re-classification.

Small retailers have been heavily affected by the latest economic downturn. This new classification by the TTB would result in a further loss of sales for these businesses and potentially push them over the edge. It is for this reason that the TTB must not approve the rules outlined in Notice Number 4. I urge the TTB to review the proposed rules to ensure that retailers are not overly harmed by the new rules.

Sincerely,

Bobby Parker