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RE: TTB NOTICE NUMBER FOUR

May 14, 2003

Chief Regulations and Procedures Division Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau P.O. Box 50221 Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

Dear Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau:

The regulation changes you are considering in regard to flavored malt beverages would have a significant negative impact on my business by either eliminating the flavored malt beverage category altogether or taxing it to the point where no one could afford it. That's unwise, unnecessary and unfair. I hope you will see my point of view.

TTB Notice No.4 is an affront to business people and consumers everywhere. The policy change it outlines would harm both and benefit no one. I take that back. It would benefit the industry's competitors, which are behind the proposed changes. I hope you can see through the smokescreen.

Economic growth can't be encouraged by slapping a small and growing industry with rules changes that would put it out of business. Please do everything possible to resist this rules change and work out a reasonable compromise.

We need your help. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Linda Maples