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Rich's Kwik Pack

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Chief  
Regulations and Procedures Division  
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau  
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RE: TTB Notice No.4

"Dear Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau:

There has been a lot of talk in Congress about stimulating the economy and creating more jobs. It seems incongruous for the TTB to be attempting to pass new regulations on flavored malt beverages that would put the entire industry at risk. We cannot allow such regulations to pass.

The rules change would require manufacturers to drastically change the way the beverages are produced. If they continue to produce them from flavoring agents then retailers would have to charge a very hefty tax on the products. Only one of two results can come from this; either the product line would be outright eliminated or it would be taxed so high that no one could afford to buy it. This does not support economic stimulation.

Your active opposition to the proposed rules change would help to keep thousands of small retailers in business. That is the kind of government support our business owners need. Please do everything possible to ensure that these new rules do not become national policy.

Sincerely,

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