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RE: TTB NOTICE NUMBER FOUR

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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

Dear Sir/Madam:

When will our federal government come to its senses and stop trying to regulate retailers right out of business? That is exactly what will happen if the TTB's proposal to enact rules changes governing flavored malt beverages is implemented. Retailers, who depend on the sale of these beverages to draw in their customer base, will lose business. We are already struggling to make ends meet during this difficult economic time. How can our officials even consider making things worse?

In the business world, reasonable people often disagree. However, reasonable people can also understand each other's concerns and reach a productive compromise. That is why I am certain everyone involved in this dispute can behave reasonably and come up with a plan that will solve everyone's needs without hurting the consumer or retailer.

Please oppose this rules change, which would penalize small businesses, their customers and their employees. Do not allow any more tax increases to be placed on flavored malt beverages. Thank you.

Sincerely Yours,

Joyce Blankenship

