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

RE: TTB Notice No.4

Dear Sir/Madam:

As the owner of a retail establishment that sells, flavored malt beverages, I feel my opinion is worthy of being noted during the public comment period on the proposed TTB rule changes affecting the industry. I know that flavored malt beverages get customers in the door of my store and those customers buy additional products as well. So this rule change would hurt our overall sales, in addition to killing sales in this popular beverage category. Small businesses can't take any more of this kind of harassment from the federal government.

These new regulations are aimed at the pockets of people who can least afford them: small retailers who sell flavored malt beverages. Life is tough enough for us in the current economic climate without the burden of these new rules. My customers will be hurt as well, and I'd like to avoid that if at all possible.

I cannot urge you too strongly to oppose this rules change and support a compromise solution.

Sincerely,

Amy Redwine