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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:

The rules changes outlined in TTB Notice No.4 mean serious trouble for businesses and consumers. Not only are they unfair to me, as my business profits will take a nosedive, but they are unfair to the consumer as well. What right does our government have in choosing to pick on one section of the nation--the users and sellers of flavored malt beverages---to help fill its coffers? In my opinion this notice does not represent a productive path for TTB and the citizens who depend upon you. It represents the desires of an oppressive government to stamp out the very people who put them into office!

These new regulations are an attack on the wallets of people who can least afford them: small retailers who sell flavored malt beverages and the consumers who purchase them. We are having a hard enough time as it is trying to stay afloat during these tight economic times. The one thing we don't need is the TTB adding additional burdens to us with these new rules on flavored malt beverages.

It is time the TTB took its blinders off and realized that new regulations will only deprive the U.S economy of the stimulation it needs to get back on track. Please see to it that these proposed rules do not become national policy.

Warm Regards,

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Main Street Bottle Shop

