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

RE: TTB Notice No.4

Dear Sir/Madam:

Mom and Pop stores cannot afford to lose sales because the TTB feels they need to protect excise tax revenue that isn't even in jeopardy. New regulations on flavored malt beverages will do more harm than good. If the changes were passed, the taxes on these products would be ridiculously high. Customers don't want to purchase products that cost too much.

The current proposal is unreasonable, and unnecessary. The TTB found an easy target, and they are trying to take it. Flavored malt drinks should not be attacked with new regulations. The current regulations have worked well for 3 decades. Too much is at stake here, and it's just not worth it.

These new rules would penalize retailers, and customers. Is that justice? The changes will not help to bring money into the nation, in fact, retailers will have to close their doors, and customers will not purchase overprice flavored malt drinks. Please protect the retailers and the consumers. I urge you to speak out against the unnecessary regulations. I thank you for any help you can provide.

Sincerely Yours,

Ruben Castillo