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RE: TTB NOTI.CENUMBER FOUR

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

Dear Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau:

Times are economically hard for everyone throughout this nation. Why do you think President Bush and Congress are talking about ways to stimulate the economy and put people back to work? That is why I was shocked to learn that the TTB is proposing rules changes to the flavored malt beverage industry that would either eliminate this product totally or price it beyond affordability.

These rules changes would be counter productive to economic revival. Not only would it hurt customers in the wallet, but it would also deprive retailers of the right to make a decent profit. Additionally, if the flavored malt beverage market is eliminated because of required content changes, far too many people would join the unemployment line and taxes would be reduced - not protected.

I urge you to prevent the TTB from making a decision that would have a ruinous impact on small retailers and consumers across this country. Reject the proposed rules changes for flavored malt beverages.

Sincerely

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