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RE: TTB NOTICE NUMBER FOUR

May 10, 2003

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

Dear Sir/Madam:

As a member of the small business community, I am against the regulatory changes proposed by the TTB in reference to flavored malt beverages. What TTB Notice No.4 proposes is an attack on every tax-paying American business and the consumers who support that business. Now, more than ever, government should be supporting the growth businesses, not trying to find a way to shut them down. There is something unsettling about a government agency that proposes rules that guarantee financial hardship for small retailers, many of whom are struggling to survive in the present economic climate.

That is why I am asking you to oppose this rules change, which would penalize small businesses, their customers and their employees. Your time and attention to this matter are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely Yours,

Frank Fila

Lake Country Market