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Chief  
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Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau  
P.O. Box 50221  
Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

Dear Sir/Madam:  
RE: TTB Notice Number Four

The people of this country have been overtaxed and over regulated for far too long now. It is these very taxes and business regulations that represent our biggest obstacle to economic recovery. Don't you realize that the proposed rules changes concerning flavored malt beverages would only make that obstacle bigger? It would most assuredly hurt small businesses like mine!

Although I can understand both sides of the coin, I feel that there must be an area of compromise between the TTB and the flavored malt beverage industry. Surely there is a solution that would NOT have a negative impact on the profit margins of retailers or the pocket books of consumers.

For the sake of the entire nation, I urge you to find such a compromise and reject any additional rules changes to this industry. Thank you.

Regards,

Maryanne Fiorenza