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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: TTB Notice Number Four

How dare the TTB propose such a blatant attack on tax-paying American businesses and the consumers who support those businesses! If supported, TTB Notice 4 would effectively change the composition of flavored malt beverages and/or increase the prices of these products. How can our government, in good conscious, come in and deprive us of the right to sell this highly successful product, which basically drives our businesses? It is unfair and unwarranted!

Taxes are already so high that consumers' cannot afford to purchase products they need let alone want. That loss of sales reduces retailers' profits. We simply cannot survive any more tax hikes. Now, more than ever, government should be supporting business and consumers not trying to cause them even more damage.

Small retailers tend to be solid local citizens who work hard and provide value. These people would take an inexcusable beating from the proposed new TTB regulations on flavored malt beverages. They don't deserve this abuse.

If the rules changes are enacted, I believe it will be a ruinous decision for small retailers across the country. Please oppose this rules change before irreparable damage is done.

Sincerely,

