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RE: TTB NOTICE NUMBER FOUR

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To Whom It May Concern:

At a time when the U.S. economy needs stimulation and momentum, the TTB wants to slap additional regulations and taxes on the retail community and the consumers. They are attempting to do this under the guise of protecting the excise taxes, which help keep the federal treasury full. However, in doing so, they are targeting the people who buy flavored malt beverages and the businesses that sell these products. These are the very people who help to pay these excise taxes, but who will ultimately stop doing so when the product becomes too expensive and sales drop off.

Instead of hurting our economy by creating additional tax burdens, let's work together to find a compromise solution to the problems created by these proposed changes. I'm sure we can find a solution, which can satisfy TTB without destroying the flavored malt beverage industry.

The retailers of this country do not need the added regulatory burden these rule changes would create. Your help is urgently needed to see that this proposed rule does not become national policy.

Sincerely Yours,

