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RE: TTB Notice No.4

Dear Sir/Madam:

Anyone in government should know that the consumers and businesses of this country already carry a heavy load of taxes and regulatory burdens. Government's priority right now should be to lighten this load, not to make it heavier with the proposed TTB rules changes on flavored malt beverages. As a retailer myself, I realize the importance of these products to my bottom line and for my customers' enjoyment.

What I want to know is this... why change regulations that have been working well for more than 30 years? There is clearly no need for new regulations and tax burdens that the TTB has proposed. As far as I know, the existing system has worked well for years. Why mess with a good thing?

Our economy needs some momentum. It doesn't 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. Thank you.

Sincerely

Robert Snyder

