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Chief  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: TTB Notice Number Four

Our economy is depressed because of an overload in taxes and regulatory requirements. The government should be aimed at reducing these barriers to economic growth, not adding to them, as TTB Notice No.4 will do. This notice, targeting flavored malt beverages, will likely bring an end to the popular drinks.

The TTB should not be bullying the individuals who run retail stores that sell flavored malt beverages. They will be hit hardest by this proposed rules change, which is unnecessary in the first place.

I hope you will join me in opposing this rules change, which would penalize small businesses, their customers and their employees. It is not good policy and should not be implemented. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,

Sharon Thomson