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

Dear Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau:

RE: TTB Notice No.4

The proposed new regulations in TTB Notice No.4 for flavored malt beverages will significantly hurt my business by eliminating this product line outright or pricing it out of existence.

It is not just sales of these beverages that will suffer if the TTB rules go through. Businesses like ours will be hit with a decrease in overall sales as we lose the customers who are drawn to our stores by the availability of flavored malt beverages. This plan is an affront to business people and consumers. The rules change it outlines would harm both and benefit no one.

Please support the people who buy and sell flavored malt beverages and reject what would be a disastrous change in policy for this industry.

Regards,

Sami Hijazi