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Chief
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RE: TTB Notice No.4

To Whom It May Concern:

I thought I'd take some time and write to you in opposition to the rules outlined in Notice Number Four relating to the production of flavored malt beverages. After reviewing the major points of these new rules, I am extremely concerned about the alterations to the product as well as to the increase in cost and taxes. These changes can only result in a hit to the stores that sell these products.

At a time when stores across the country are going out of business due to sales pressures and a poor economy, it is unwise for the TTB to be passing new rules that would negatively affect our struggling sales. Rather, the TTB should be trying to work with the flavored malt beverage industry and retail sellers to ease over-reaching restrictions and high taxes.

I cannot stress enough the need for the TTB to re-examine and re-work the rules outlined in Notice Number Four. For the sake of retailers across the country, I hope that you reject these rules and work to promote lower taxes and government regulation. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael Manigault