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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: TTB Notice Number Four

Anything the federal government does to harm my business is going to be bad news for everybody. The proposed regulatory changes covering flavored malt beverages is just the sort of thing I'm talking about. This business pays taxes to the government, provides jobs for other taxpayers, and is an important part of this nation's economy.

By regulating flavored malt beverages right off my shelves, my store will lose an important and significant source of revenue, revenue that pays those taxes to the government and pays the wages of those employees. Without the support of that source of revenue, I'll be less able to pay those employees. This means the government will lose a significant amount of revenue from stores like mine, and they will get to support an ever-increasing number of unemployed tax payers with an ever decreasing tax base to support the unemployed.

There is no wisdom in the proposed changes concerning flavored malt beverages. The impact of passing it will negatively affect millions of people. Please oppose this policy change. I would appreciate your thoughts on this issue.

Aurelio Cortese