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RE: TTB NOTICE NUMBER FOUR

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

Dear Sir/Madam:

I wish just once that small businesses could catch a break! Now, I understand the TTB is proposing changes to the rules governing the taxation of flavored malt beverages. These rule changes will be detrimental for small business owners, like myself by increasing the price of these drinks out of the reach of the common working person. This is not the right direction, as it will regulate these drinks right off of my store shelves and destroy what little profit margin I currently show.

With proposals like these waiting in the wings, I can't help but wonder if the government is ever looking out for the little people who are struggling to make it day to day? These proposed rules would significantly hurt the small retailers who depend on sales of flavored malt beverages.

The flavored malt beverage industry has been very successful over the past years. Retailers have also cashed in on that success. In these tough economic times, let's not hamper economic growth by burdening this industry with rules, which may just put it out of business. There has to be a better compromise than what is proposed by the TTB. I hope you will consider my comments carefully. Thank you.

Sincerely Yours,

Doris Walker

Indian Springs Liquor Store