

Millers Picnic Supply

RE: TTB NOTICE NUMBER FOUR

May 14, 2003

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

To Whom It May Concern:

One more tax or over regulation in the business world, and small businesses like mine are going to start going under. Then where will the excise taxes come from that help to fill the Federal Reserve coffers? Taxes and regulatory burdens are already much too high. America should be looking the ways to reduce these impediments to economic recovery, not to build them higher. That is why I am asking you to oppose TTBs Notice 4 that would effectively destroy the flavored malt beverage market, a market that is one of the backbones to my business.

The proposed TTB new regulations, which would force a change in the composition of FMBs as well as increase the taxes on this product line, are a financial slap in the face to hared-working retailers who put in long hours for modest returns just to keep their local retail stores going. Was this the TTBs intent? Well, it will definitely be the net result because my customers will be unable to purchase one of their favorite products either because it no longer exists or it has been priced out of their reach. Either way I lose business!

Please keep in mind that the government cannot collect taxes if consumers stop buying or businesses are forced to declare bankruptcy. That is I am sure we can count on you to take a strong stand against the enactment of new rules changes to flavored malt beverages. We need sound leadership to keep us all afloat during these difficult financial times, and I happen to believe you are such a leader. Thank you.

Regards,

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