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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: TTB Notice Number Four

I'm writing because I am deeply concerned about the TTB's proposed new regulations on flavored malt beverages. I have a customer base that is loyal to these drinks and I know the higher tax that is proposed would hurt sales at my business.

If I understand correctly, what TTB Notice No. 4 proposes is an attack on a tax-paying American business and the consumers who support that business. Retailers like me throughout America would be harmed. Now, more than ever, government should be supporting business and consumers. TTB wants to safeguard excise tax revenue and the flavored malt beverage retailers want to prevent our market from being destroyed. Surely there is a compromise solution that could serve both these priorities. Let's work to find one that works for everyone. Please support the people who buy and sell flavored malt beverages and prevent what would be a disastrous change in policy for this industry. I urge you to look down the road at what this could cost consumers, retailers and producers of flavored malt beverages.
Thank you.

I would appreciate your thoughts on this issue.

Jeannie Saleme

