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Chief Regulations and Procedures Division Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau Washington, D.C. 20091-0221 RE: TTB Notice No.4

Dear Sir/Madam:

First, the ATF/TTB studies the issue and decides that sales of flavored malt beverages do not pose any threat to federal excise tax receipts. Now the TTB comes along with rules changes for these beverages that virtually

guarantee a loss in excise tax receipts. Are you deliberately trying to destroy the economy by forcing retailers out of business? Do you know exactly how much our businesses generate in taxes and employment for the nation? Why then are you attempting to hurt us by taxing one of our main sales products to the point where no one will be able to purchase them? Please do not punish this business with new regulations that would make it virtually impossible for us to sell flavored malt beverages. In addition, if manufacturers are forced to change the composition of flavored malt beverages, they may elect to pull the product entirely from the market. That will mean a loss of jobs arid a loss of revenue. No one wins!

Your support in ending this ridiculous proposal to increase the cost of flavored malt beverages will be greatly appreciated. Sincerely Yours,

David Glass