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

RE: TTB Notice No.4

Dear Sir/Madam:

The proposed rule changes in TTB Notice No.4 concern me deeply. I am the owner of a small retail business and it is my understanding that if these proposed rule changes are approved, it will virtually destroy the flavored malt beverage industry and cause harm to the stability of small retailers like myself.

So, I am writing to you today to ask that you work towards a compromise with the flavored malt beverage industry. Approving the rule changes in TTB Notice No.4 is not the answer. I'm confident the U.S. Government does not want to enact rule changes that will hinder the growth of small retail businesses. Allowing TTB Notice No.4 to be approved will do just that.

The U.S. economy needs stimulation and momentum. It doesn't need the added regulatory burden these rule changes would create. Your help is urgently needed to see that this proposed rule does not become national policy. I am sure a viable compromise can be met.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely Yours;

Fred Brisentine