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Rose Liquor Store

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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 Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau:

For 30 years now, flavored malt beverages have been sold in stores everywhere. Further regulation of this product would be punishing the small retailers. If the TTB succeeds in passing this new tax burden, it will obliterate sales in the small retail stores. Taxes are already much too high. There is no need for a change.

It disturbs me that the TTB has proposed more regulations on flavored malt drinks. The current policy has worked out just fine, and changing it now would destroy sales, and confuse my customers. Does the government truly want the small retail businesses to close up shop?

If this tax proposal is approved, it will only take money away from the state. Sales will dwindle, and consumers will move on to another less expensive product. There must be a way to compromise on this issue. Please don't allow this tax to pass; I would like to stay in business. I hope that you stay committed to your constituents, and oppose this unnecessary regulation on flavored malt drinks. Thank you.

Sincerely, ,

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