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Chief
Regulations and Procedures Division
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
Washington, D.C. 20091-0221
To Whom It May Concern:

RE: TTB Notice Number Four

Package stores like ours manage to succeed despite high excise taxes on our products and excessive regulation from all levels of government. However, many small businesses like this one dont have a prayer, if the proposed rules change on flavored malt beverages gets passed into policy.

This proposed policy can have no other result than to wipe out an important revenue stream for package stores and other small retailers. The high taxes target and punish a single portion of the taxpayer base, for no other reason than that they like to relax with after work or on the weekends with a cold hard lemonade. This is unreasonable government in the extreme, and simply can't afford the negative impact that will result.

Please reject this unfair and ill-conceived proposal. The economic damage it will cause far outweighs every imagined benefit.

I would appreciate your thoughts on this issue.

Rakesh Patel