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To Whom It May Concern:

The rule changes under consideration by the TTB would have the effect of destroying the flavored malt beverage product category through forced changes in content or patently unaffordable taxes. This would have a severe negative impact on businesses like ours and the people whose jobs depend on them. We need your help in opposing the regulations and finding a more equitable compromise.

There's no question that the proposed TTB changes are a financial slap in the face to hard-working people who put in long hours for modest returns just to keep their local retail stores going. I'm sure this wasn't the TTB's intent, but it would be the net result, without a doubt.

Economic growth certainly wont be encouraged by slapping a small but successful industry with rules changes that would put it out of business. Please do everything possible to resist this rules change and work out a reasonable compromise. Thank you.

Regards,

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