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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:

I am writing to in regard to the new proposed regulations for flavored malt beverages. These new restrictions are aimed at the pockets of people who can least afford them: small retailers who sell these products. Life is tough enough for these people in the current economic climate without the burden of these new rules. That's why I am opposed to TTB Notice No. 4.

Clearly this proposed rules change is a regulatory disaster in the making, but you can help avert disaster by opposing this punitive change and encouraging support for a compromise that would not destroy the flavored malt beverage market.

The government is over-regulating small businesses and it's time we let our voice be heard. Thank you.

Warm Regards,

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