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First Stops Convenience store
Plano, TX 75023

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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

To Whom It May Concern:

At a time when President Bush and Congress are talking about stimulating the economy and putting people back to work, it is ironic that the Tax & Trade Bureau is trying to pass regulations that would put an entire industry out of business. The proposed regulations on flavored malt beverages would eliminate many of the products in this line altogether; the others would be taxed beyond affordability.

The TTB wants to safeguard excise tax revenue. The flavored malt beverage retailers want to prevent our market from being destroyed. Surely there is a compromise solution that could serve both of these concerns.

These new regulations would be a step backwards for U.S. regulatory policy. They would have damaging effects on our economy as a whole. Please stop this rules change and work out a fair compromise.

Sincerely,

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