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Dear Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau:.' h

RE: TTB Notice No. 4

!It is disheartening to see our own government pushing for the rules changes on flavored malt beverages outlined in TTB Notice No. 4. The proposal will allow burdensome regulations and exorbitant taxes to virtually eliminate the flavored malt beverage industry. This will hurt both small businesses and consumers. Small retailers will no longer be able to offer consumers the beverages of their choice, and they will lose customers. This is wrong and unfair.

Small retailers tend to be solid local citizens who work hard and provide value to their customers. These people would take an inexcusable beating from the proposed new TTB regulations. We don't deserve this abuse. In fact, I don't see how anyone would benefit by this unwarranted interference with the marketplace.

I'm asking you to oppose this rules change, which would penalize small businesses, their customers and their employees.

Regards,

Mitch Brown