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RE: TTB NOTICE NUMBER FOUR  
May 17, 2003

Chief  
Regulations and Procedures Division  
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau  
Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

Dear Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau:

The purpose of my letter is to advise you that my business depends on the sale .of flavored malt beverages. Customers purchasing these beverages, along with other products like candy and chips, are a significant portion of my sales. The TTB's proposed new regulations will make flavored malt beverages too costly to produce or too heavily taxed to sell.

Isn't it ironic that the TTB is proposing to solve an excise tax revenue problem that does not exist? However, if passed, an excise tax problem will result from the decrease in sales of flavored malt beverages.

This is not the right decision for a weak economy. If this industry goes out of business, our economy will be further damaged. Please do everything possible to resist these new regulations and work out a reasonable compromise.

Sincerely,

Michael McInerny