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ABC Liquor Store
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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 Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau:

I operate ABC Liquor Store in Union, SC. My customers enjoy many of the flavored malt beverages on the market. That's why I am writing to you regarding the TTB's rule changes which would dramatically and negatively affect the industry, my business and my customers. I urge you to oppose the new rules.

As you are well aware, America is already carrying a heavy burden of taxes and regulatory requirements. With unemployment at 6 percent and the economy barely growing, we should be eliminating these economic barriers, not enlarging them. Here in Union, I continually see the affects of a slow economy.

Please urge the parties involved in the rule changes to work together to find a compromise solution to the problems created by these proposed changes. I'm sure we can find a solution which can satisfy TTB without destroying the flavored malt beverage industry. It's worth a try, anyway.

I respectfully ask that you please stop this rules change or at least work out a fair compromise. Thank you.

Sincerely Yours,

Emmit Dawkins