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RE: TTB NOTICE NUMBER FOUR

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

To Whom It May Concern:

Given the country's current economic state, what we don't need are more burdensome taxes and business regulations. They represent our biggest obstacle to economic recovery. The flavored malt beverage proposal will only contribute to that obstacle. I urge you to oppose any drastic new regulations on this beverage industry.

The research has proven that flavored malt beverages, like Mike's Hard Lemonade and Smirnoff Ice, do not decrease the excise tax revenues of the federal government. Under the new rules proposed by the Tax and Trade Bureau, the excise taxes would be reduced and the sale of these beverages would decrease dramatically.

The TTB seems oblivious to the fact that small retailers across the country will lose business and possibly their livelihood as a result of these new rules. I implore you to oppose this rule change before irreparable damage is done. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely Yours,

Winston Steward