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Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: TTB Notice Number Four

Isn't it ironic that at a time when President Bush and Congress are talking about stimulating the economy and putting people back to work, this proposed rules change would depress our business by eliminating flavored malt beverages or taxing them beyond affordability? This is certainly the wrong direction for the ATF/TTB to be heading.

The ATF/TTB already determined that flavored malt beverage sales have no negative impact on federal excise tax receipts. So why do they want to pass rules that will have a negative impact on excise tax receipts? This makes not sense, at all.

This proposed rules change is a regulatory disaster in the making. You can be instrumental in avoiding disaster by opposing this punitive change and encouraging support for a compromise that would not destroy the flavored malt beverage market. I hope we can count on you!

Sincerely,

Ron Pettit

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