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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

To Whom It May Concern:

Passing stronger taxes on flavored malt beverages is the wrong thing to do. The federal government should be focused on cutting down taxes and economic regulations. Perpetuating these burdens is only harming businesses, consumers and the overall economy.

Flavored malt beverages are a viable part of consumer business for small retail stores. The proposed taxes and regulations on this beverage line would hit the retail stores who sell the products the most. Essentially, they would eliminate flavored malt drinks from the marketplace.

I implore you to oppose the new Tax and Tobacco Bureau proposal to regulate the taxation and production of flavored malt beverages. Support our consumers and support our businesses.

Sincerely,

Gina Moon