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

RE: TTB Notice No. 4

Dear Sir/Madam:

The business where I work cannot afford any additional erosion of profits. However, the loss of revenue from the sale of flavored malt beverages that will occur if the new rules changes are placed into effect would ripple through our entire revenue stream. The customers who come to us for these beverages make other purchases as well and they would stop coming in because the product they enjoy would be priced out of reach. We can't afford to lose their business and it is wrong of our government to hurt us in this manner!

Why are you in such a hurry to effect rules changes that have worked so well for the flavored malt beverage industry, the retailer, and the federal government for well over thirty years? Times are tough and we definitely do NOT need regulations that will create additional burdens such as those proposed in TTB Notice No. 4.

Please reconsider this proposal and reject it. Choose, instead to support the people who buy and sell flavored malt beverages.

Sincerely Yours,

Teri Vinson