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Chief
Regulations and Procedures Division
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
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RE: TTB Notice Number Four

To Whom It May Concern:

I felt compelled to write you this letter when I heard about the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau's proposed new regulations for the flavored malt beverage industry. This is a destructive use of regulatory power that would destroy a profitable line of business that supports employment and pays taxes. Even if the flavored malt beverage category were not eliminated, the new tax would make it too expensive.

This proposed rules change would not only hurt the flavored malt beverage, but also people like me who make a living out of selling their products. Flavored malt beverages are not the only things we sell but they certainly help retailers, like myself, to stay in business. To tax these products off the shelves by making them totally unaffordable to the common person will only destroy my revenues and my business.

Our economy needs to be stimulated, not depressed with anti-business regulations as these now being proposed by the TTB! Please do not allow these rules changes to take effect. No one will benefit and the economy will suffer greatly!

Sincerely,

Frances Rooks

