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RE: TTB NOTICE NUMBER FOUR

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

Dear Sir/Madam:

The proposed new regulations for flavored malt beverages will hurt my business significantly by eliminating this product line outright or pricing it out of existence. As it is right now, the government has no business adding any more taxes to anything as they don't use the money from other taxes wisely.

In doing my own research, I learned that research by the ATF/TTB concluded that the government does not lose any excise tax revenues from the sale of flavored malt beverages. On the other hand, these new rules would take a bite out of excise tax revenue by killing this product category. This is unfortunately yet another proof of the current administration's inability to create a sound financial roadmap for our country.

Economic growth won't be encouraged by slapping a small but successful industry with rules to slow down its growth. I hope you agree with me that this rule will not increase the already soaring federal and state budgets but in turn decrease it even further.

Sincerely Yours,

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