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Kinder, LA 70648-5400

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

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: TTB Notice Number Four

I own a retail store in Kinder, LA. Please consider my strong opposition to the TTB's rule changes on flavored malt beverages. There's no question that consumers and retailers alike are struggling with excessive taxes and regulations that threaten to downgrade our quality of life. This is no time to be adding new taxes and regulations. That's why I strongly oppose Rule Notice No. 4.

I'm sure the controversy over the proposed changes outlined in TTB Notice No. 4 can be settled through productive compromise among all the parties involved. Such a compromise could save the flavored malt beverage market from destruction. We just need someone like you to oversee things and make sure that happens.

Please stop this rules change or at least work out a fair compromise. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Bell