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

RE: TTB Notice No.4

Dear Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau:

I don't understand what the TTB is trying to do with their proposed rule changes for the flavored malt beverage market. The federal government should be focused on cutting down taxes and regulatory burdens that are hurting businesses, consumers and the general economy. This is certainly not the time to be adding to those burdens with heavy regulations and harsh taxes that will cause irreparable harm to retailers and the industry.

Let's work together to find a compromise solution to the problems created by these proposed changes. I'm sure we can find a resolution, which will satisfy TTB without destroying the flavored malt beverage industry.

Please oppose this rules change. Your participation in finding a compromise solution would also be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

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