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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 Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau:

The proposed TTB changes for the flavored malt beverage industry are a financial slap in the face to hard-working people who put in long hours for modest returns just to keep their local retail stores going.

The rules changes under consideration would have the effect of destroying the flavored malt beverage industry through forced changes in content or patently unaffordable taxes. This would have a severe negative impact on businesses like ours and the people whose jobs depend on them.

Retailers are already hit with excessive taxes and regulations. These new rules changes would add to both these handicaps. The U.S. economy needs stimulation and momentum. It doesn't need the added regulatory burden this plan would create.

Your help is urgently needed to see that this proposed rule does not become national policy.

Sincerely,

Balbir Sandhu