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

RE: TTB Notice No. 4

Dear Sir/Madam:

Someone needs to look out for the needs of consumers and small business owners. The proposed rule changes for flavored malt drinks certainly do not have their interests at heart. This proposal will serve in insuring the extinction of this product from our stores. The loss of sales will be devastating to businesses like mine.

The TTB policy-makers need to be more sensitive to the challenges faced my small retailers who sell these beverages. These people would take an inexcusable beating from the proposed new TTB regulations on flavored malt beverages. They don't deserve this abuse.

I'm asking you to join me in opposing the rule changes, which would penalize small businesses, their customers and their employees. I hope we can count on your support. Sincerely Yours,

Sherrie Gainey