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

Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: TTB Notice Number Four

The very livelihood of my business depends on sales flavored malt beverages. That is why I am steadfastly against any type of regulation or taxation that would increase the cost of these products. The proposed new regulations, put forth by the TTB would sabotage this family of products by making it impossible to produce or too costly to sell. If my sales fall through the bottom, my ability to function in the business world is greatly curtailed. Please do NOT allow this to happen.

Surely the officials in our federal government must realize that they can't collect taxes on products it makes unmarketable? Well, that is exactly what the rules changes proposed for flavored malt beverages would do. They would create an excise tax revenue problem where even the ATF/TTB found none exists. Do you have any idea how many small businesses would be forced to close their doors because of this action?

Please support the people who buy and sell flavored malt beverages and prevent what would be a disastrous change in policy for this industry. Keep the small businesses of this country open and operating freely. That will truly help the economy turn around and start a steady climb upward.

Regards,

