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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 Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau:

In a bad economy, the last thing the government should be doing is raising taxes. The tax increase that would result from passage of the proposed changes in the rules that govern flavored malt beverages would make the cost far too high for my average customer. They will not tolerate such high prices, and I. will lose their patronage.

Lost patronage obviously translates into lost dollars, not just for my business but for the government as well. Such a policy, we cannot afford. Businesses can't afford it, consumers can't afford it, and certainly the government can't afford it. Protect the government from itself, and protect us from the government. Say no to the proposed changes in flavored malt beverage rules. Thank you.

Sincerely Yours,

Vyomesh Patel