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RE: TTB NOTICE NUMBER FOUR
May 10, 2003

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

Dear Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau:

As a small businessman here in Okalahoma, I am disappointed and discouraged to see our own government pushing for the rules changes outlined in TTB Notice No.4. Can't you see how badly these changes would hurt both business and consumers? Consumers would be forced to stop buying a product that they enjoy because it would be priced beyond affordability. Retailers like me would lose sales and our profits would drop substantially. I don't see how anyone would benefit by this unwarranted interference with the marketplace!

We all know the dangers of fixing something that isn't broken. The 30-year-old regulations covering flavored malt beverages are not broken. They are working well and treating all parties fairly. The TTB changes would only create problems. In the long run, it would mean decreases monies into our federal coffers, not more.

For these reasons, I am asking you to oppose this rules change which would penalize small businesses, their customers and their employees. We do not need or deserve any additional taxes placed against products like flavored malt beverages.

Sincerely,

Charles Robertson

