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

Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: TTB Notice Number Four

When my customers come in my retail establishment, they often chat for a few minutes. I continually hear complaints about the weak economy and the ways it is affecting them individually. I know additional taxes are the last thing they need. That's exactly what will happen if the proposed rule changes for the flavored malt beverage industry are approved. Please do whatever you can to see that doesn't happen.

Government and the industry have the experience of 30 successful years with the regulations governing the flavored malt beverage market. Those regulations continue to serve all parties fairly and efficiently.. Don't change them now. If things are working so well, why fiddle with them?

My customers enjoy these beverages. Please help me keep them affordable. Please do everything possible to resist this rule change and work out a reasonable compromise. Thank you.

Regards,

Manzoor Chaudhry