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Dear Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau:

RE: TTB Notice No.4

Our economy is lagging because of an overload in taxes and regulatory requirements. The government should be aimed at reducing these barriers to economic growth, not adding to them, as the TTB's Rule No. 4 will do. This rule, targeting flavored malt beverages, will likely bring an end to the popular drinks.

There must be a compromise possible which would allow the flavored malt beverage industry to survive while addressing the concerns of the TTB. Small retailers across the country are hopeful one can be reached.

Please oppose the proposed rule change for flavored malt beverages. In doing so, you will be saving thousands of jobs and millions of dollars in excise taxes for the federal government. That would be a GOOD thing!

Regards,

Valerie Aulf