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E-Z Mart Store #436
Chidester, AR 71726

RE: TTB NOTICE NUMBER FOUR

May 17, 2003

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

Dear Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau:

The proposed regulations from the TTB that would raise taxes on flavored malt beverages would cause great harm to small retailers like me all over the country. We would all lose a group of customers that buy other products while buying these beverages. In turn, we could all see catastrophic results because of this change in rules. My revenues would shrink, as would my bottom line.

I think the federal government can do better. I hope you can urge the interested parties to work to find a fair compromise to this important issue which will affect millions of people.

I know adding new rules such as this won't encourage economic growth. Thank you for considering the needs of small businesses and trying to find a productive compromise to this situation.

Sincerely,

Lisa Smith

