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RE: TTB NOTICE NUMBER FOUR

May 16, 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:

Business retailers and consumers alike already pay enough taxes. Our government's priority should be to lower taxes, while stabilizing the economy. If the TTB implements this rules change for flavored malt beverages, it would cost the economy millions of dollars in lost revenue.

I know we can find a solution that would allow the flavored malt beverage industry to endure and help the TTB as well. Working together is the only way to find a fair compromise for everyone involved. Our country needs stability. Our businesses need customers. Please oppose this rules change. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Herb Holmes

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