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

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: TTB Notice Number Four

Destroying the economy through regulatory power is not in the best interest of the nation. The alcohol industry is a business that supports economic growth through giving people jobs, and paying taxes. So, why does the TTB want to attack them with new regulations on flavored malt beverages? In the end, the alcohol industry could have to shut their doors forever.

There must be a way to compromise instead of putting people out of business. As a store retailer, I cannot operate my business efficiently unless I am able to sell flavored malt beverages at a decent price. I am deeply concerned that my business could drown in debt, because I will lose my regular customers due to inflated prices. This is a serious problem that needs to be wisely thought out before the TTB is permitted to approve the unnecessary changes.

I hope that you stand with the retailers and customers in this time of need. People just can't afford high prices in today's times. With all of the troubles in the world today, the last thing that should occur is more taxes being loaded down. Please vote for the people and business owners. We need your support to make sure that the new regulations don't go through. Please vote no on the proposed regulations on flavored malt beverages.

Sincerely,

Debbie Tezeno