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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

I am deeply concerned about the Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau's proposed rules changes for the flavored malt beverage industry.

We operate a business that depends on sales of flavored malt beverages. The proposed new regulations would sabotage these products by making it impossible to produce or too costly to sell. If TTB policy-makers were more sensitive to the challenges faced by small retailers, they would not even consider adding these rules to the retailers' burdens. The rules changes would be a clear cut case of big government punishing small business for no good reason. Your active opposition to the proposed rules change would help keep small retailers going, save thousands of jobs and millions of dollars in excise taxes for the federal government. Please do everything you can to see that these new rules do not become national policy.

Sincerely yours,

Bobby Shergill

