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Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

RE: TTB Notice No. 4

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to ask for your support in opposing the Treasury Department's proposed new regulations for flavored malt beverages. These regulations would effectively destroy this product through forced composition changes or excessive taxes. This would have a severe impact on small businesses, like mine, who sell these products.

The government should be made aware that their proposed changes would be very detrimental to the individuals who run retail stores and sell flavored malt beverages. They will be hit the hardest by the changes. Are they out to get small retailers, or what?

I'm asking that you join me in opposing the new regulations which would penalize small businesses, their customers and their employees. Thank you.

Warm Regards,

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