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Drifter Convenience Store
Loving, NM 88256-0003

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

RE: TTB Notice No. 4

To Whom It May Concern:

Without realizing it, I believe TTB Notice No. 4 has proposed an attack on our tax-paying American businesses that offer flavored malt beverages to its customers. These products have been successfully regulated for the past 30 years, I see no need to meddle with something that works reliably.

The proposed TTB changes are sure to become a financial burden for hard-working people who put in long hours for modest returns just to keep their local retail stores going. Additional taxes can only result in income losses and employee layoffs, as well as reduced taxes paid to the government.

This proposed rules change is a disaster in the making, but can be averted if the opposing parties can agree on a compromise that would not destroy the flavored malt beverage market. Please encourage an agreement that will benefit everyone.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Barnes