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Fincastle Wine And Liquor

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Chief  
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Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: TTB Notice Number Four

Why does the government want to attack small businesses that derive a major portion of their income from the sales of flavored malt beverages? The proposal now before the TTB is without doubt an anti-retailer attack.

If this proposal passes, businesses like mine will lose a significant amount of income. Unlike the government; that believes it can just raise taxes again when things get tight, I would have to start laying off employees to cover the income losses. And for many such retailers, even layoffs won't make up for the lost income. For them, it means closing down the business.

This doesn't make any sense to me. I am asking you to have the clarity to reject this proposal before serious damage is done to the retail sector.

Regards,

Pat Benim