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

RE: TTB Notice No.4

To Whom It May Concern:  
Are our government regulators actually trying to take us back to the days of prohibition? The TTB's Notice 4, which proposes a change in the composition of flavored malt beverages and a tax increase on this product line screams yes! Such action will be extremely detrimental to small businesses throughout Tennessee and across the entire nation. Our economy is already carrying far too much in the way of taxes and regulatory requirements. Government policy should be aimed at reducing these barriers to economic growth. We certainly don't need more of them. That is why I am opposed to any new regulations over flavored malt beverages.

I have faith that a compromise is possible that can save the flavored malt beverage industry from destruction by these unintentionally harsh proposed rules changes and still meet TTB's policy concerns. That is why I am asking you to oppose these new regulations and protect the rights and needs of the retailers. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Donna Ruffel