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Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: TTB Notice Number Four

As a retailer, I have many more reasons to be concerned about taxes than the average taxpayer. I have to be concerned about how taxes affect my customers, because the more they are taxed the less they have to spend in my store. I have to be concerned about hidden taxes, like the taxes on flavored malt beverages that keep driving my shelf prices up, because when the prices cross a certain threshold I can't move the products any longer. The proposed rules change will tax flavored malt beverages to the point that I can't sell them, and I end up losing a huge chunk of sales revenue.

This is bad policy that is unfair to my customers, unfair to me, and when the market vanishes and the revenue along with it, unfair to my employees. Please make this bad policy go away. Oppose it; do not support it.

Sincerely,

Laura Ann Fasano

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