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P.O. Box 50221
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Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: TTB Notice Number Four

The regulation changes you are considering in regard to flavored malt beverages would have a significant negative impact on my business by either eliminating this beverage category altogether or taxing it to the point where no one could afford it. That would directly affect my bottom line. That's why I oppose the TTB's Notice No.4 and urge you to do the same.

I just want to remind you that the ATF/TTB concluded that the sale of flavored malt beverages do not threaten federal excise tax revenues. But imposing new regulations on these beverages would surely cut into excise tax collections by completely eliminating the market for these products. Where would the government make up the shortfall? More taxes on another industry?

The TTB appears poised to make a decision with ruinous implications for small retailers across the country. Please oppose this rules change before irreparable damage is done. We desperately need your help.

Sincerely yours

Glenn Island

