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Chief
Regulations and Procedures Division
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau P.O. Box 50221
Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: TTB Notice Number Four

One of the biggest problems in America today is excessive taxes and burdensome business regulations. They are two of the biggest obstructions to economic recovery. Now the ATF/TTB wants to punish the flavored malt beverage industry with more regulations, including additional taxes. This is not the time for rule changes in our shaky economy.

These changes will be the final straw to break the backs of hard-working people who put in long hours for modest returns just to keep their local retail stores going. I am certain the TTB did not realize the grave financial situation these proposed regulations would bring to retailers. There has to be a better solution than what is being proposed.

I hope you will support the people who buy and sell flavored malt beverages and prevent what would be a devastating change in policy for this industry. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely yours,

Deloy Allen

