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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

The federal government should be focused on cutting down taxes and regulatory burdens that are hurting businesses, consumers and the general economy. This is certainly not the time to be adding to those burdens. As the operator of a retail establishment in Siler City, NC, I urge you to oppose the TTB's proposed new regulations on the flavored malt beverage industry.

As I read more about the issue, I've come to understand these rules changes are an expensive irony. They are proposing to solve an excise tax revenue problem that does not exist. If passed, they will create a real excise tax revenue problem when they halt the sales of flavored malt beverages. How ridiculous is that?

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. You need to listen to the sellers and consumers of these products, not just their competitors. ,

Sincerely yours,

Sherry Brown