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To Whom It May ,Concern:

RE: TTB Notice Number Four

The recovery of the U.S. economy has already been weighed down with too many taxes and costly regulations. We should be getting rid of these hurdles to assist our economic recovery. Additional excise taxes on flavored malt beverages is regulation that is not needed.

Government and the industry have the experience of 30 successful years with the regulations governing the flavored malt beverage market. Those regulations continue to serve all parties fairly and efficiently. Don't change them now.

This proposed rule change is a regulatory nightmare in the making. You can help avert disaster by opposing this punitive change and encourage support for a compromise that will not destroy the flavored malt beverage market.

Sincerely,

Ray Patel