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RE: TTB Notice No.4

Dear Sir/Madam:

With both the federal and state governments desperately trying to make up for budget shortcomings, taxes and regulatory burdens for common people and small businesses have grown out of control. America should be looking for ways to reduce these impediments to economic recovery, not to build them higher by extra regulations such as those being proposed for flavored malt drinks.

As so many other government agencies are doing nowadays, the TTB wants to protect and increase tax revenue. On the other hand, the flavored malt beverage retailers want to prevent our market from being destroyed. Surely there is a compromise solution that could serve both these priorities.

I urge you to support the people who buy and sell flavored malt beverages and prevent what would be a disastrous change in policy for this industry. I think we have seen enough companies go under during this past year.

Warm Regards

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