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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

I am writing to you as a businessman who has a base of regular customers who buy flavored malt beverages. That is why it is so important for me that you oppose the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) new rule, Notice No.4.

The proposed rule change would have a drastic effect on those of us who sell these products as well as those who enjoy purchasing them. Rather than enacting a rule that would eliminate the flavored malt beverage industry, or price it out of the market, the TTB should examine the proposed rule and work to compromise with the flavored malt beverage industry.

I am afraid that without a compromise these products will disappear from our shelves and so will my regular customers. I urge you to work toward a solution that does not punish law abiding business owners and consumers.

Please help support those of us who buy and sell flavored malt beverages and work to change Notice No.4. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Manny Ayle

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