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Chief
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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: TTB Notice Number Four

As someone who works in the retail business, I can see absolutely NO reason to further regulate the flavored malt beverage industry. These products, which are an important base for our businesses, are already taxed far too high. As it is, America's excessive taxes and business regulations create the biggest obstacle to our nation's economic recovery. The proposed rules changes concerning flavored malt beverages would only make that obstacle bigger.

Previous studies by the ATF, that concluded that flavored malt beverage sales did not have a negative impact on federal excise taxes were dead on! However, if these rules changes are enacted, that type of negative impact will become a certain reality! Do you honestly believe our country can afford to support this type of irresponsible regulatory action?

What our national economy needs is stimulation and momentum. It doesn't need the added regulatory burden these rule changes governing flavored malt beverages would create.. Your help is urgently needed to see that this proposed rule does not become national policy.

Sincerely,

Patricia Strange Miller