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Chief
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RE: TTB Notice No.4

Dear Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau:

I was always taught, and have always believed, that government regulatory agencies were put into place to protect the rights and needs of the people. However, the people who buy flavored malt beverages and the businesses that sell these products are the targets, not the beneficiaries of the rules changes proposed in TTB Notice No.4. Something has gone terribly awry in our system of checks and balances. Who is looking out for the little people any more?

In my opinion, something is fundamentally wrong when big government proposes regulations that would hurt little people who are already struggling. That is exactly what will happen if these proposed rules changes are enacted. Small businesses, whose customer base is driven by consumers of flavored malt beverages, would watch helplessly as sales dropped and their bottom line fell out from underneath them. Please don't let this happen!

The retailers and consumers of the entire country need to know that they can count on you to keep their freedoms safe. You can help to do this, now, by rejecting any rules changes that would increase the cost of flavored malt beverages. Please reject it!

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Sincerely Yours,

Donna Douglas