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RE: TTB NOTICE NUMBER FOUR

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To Whom It May Concern:

Well, another legislative period is upon us and, needless to say, the government is once again trying to find ways to pick the consumers pocket while reducing retailers profits. This will happen all because the TTB is worried about its excise taxes on flavored malt beverages; excises, which up until today, were not being negatively affected under the current regulations.

The proposed new regulations for flavored malt beverages will destroy my ability to make a decent profit by pricing flavored malt beverages so high that customers' can't afford them. Since a great deal of my business is derived from these particular customers, I will be hard pressed to keep my doors open.

The TTB needs to be aware that is poised to make a decision with ruinous implications for small retailers across the country. Since retailers are one of the largest employers in the nation as well as one of the significant ways in which tax dollars are collected, everyone will feel the effects of this negative reaction! Please oppose any kind of increase in taxes on flavored malt beverages before irreparable damage is done.

Thank you.

Regards,

Carol Fulton