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To Whom It May Concern;

RE: TTB Notice Number Four

Does the ATF/TTB have a personal grudge against the flavored malt beverage industry? It appears that way when you look at their proposed rule change. This change would result in the elimination of this beverage by placing unrealistic manufacturing demands on the industry or by placing excessive excise taxes on the product.

The TTB policy-makers need to be more sensitive to the challenges faced by small retailers who sell these beverages. Then they would not even consider adding these rules to the retailers' burdens. The rules changes would be a case of big government punishing small business.

The TTB is currently poised to make a disastrous decision for the flavored malt beverage industry and small retailers across the country. Please oppose this rule change before the damage is done.

Thank you.

I would appreciate your thoughts on this issue.

Dhiren Patel.