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RE: TIB NOTICE NUMBER FOUR

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Chief
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Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
P.O. Box 50221
Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

Dear Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau:

I oppose TTB Rule Notice No. 4. It is my belief that the existing laws on the books regulating the flavored malt beverage industry are more than adequate. Before the federal government spends anymore time and money on new regulations, let's take a look at the existing ones, first and make sure those are being enforced.

This is a disaster in the making. I have no confidence in the TTB since their own previous research proved that flavored malt beverage sales do not decrease excise tax revenues. Now TTB wants to pass rules that will definitely hurt excise tax revenues by killing sales of these beverages. With that kind of faulty logic, there's no wonder we keep going in the wrong direction!

Please recognize this rule change would be a step backwards for regulatory policy in the U.S. Please stop it or at least work out a fair compromise.

Sincerely,

Sherry McCurdy

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