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Chief
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Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

RE: TTB Notice No.4
Dear Sir/Madam:

I would like to register my opposition to the TTB's position outlined in Notice Number 4 regarding flavored malt beverages. These rules, if enacted would have a devastating effect on the industry as well as the small businesses that sell these products. That is why I feel strongly that the TTB must re- examine these proposed rules.

I cannot afford to continue to lose customers and that is what would happen if these rules go into effect. It is beyond my understanding why the TTB would replace rules that have been in effect and successful for the past thirty years. The only idea I can come up with is the TTB wants additional excise tax revenue and feels that the flavored malt beverage industry is a good place to hit. What wasn't taken into account was the affect it would have on my bottom line.

Please do not enact these new rules. It is crucial to our retail stores that you work to help sales of these beverages not harm them. Thank you for opposing these new rules.

Sincerely Yours,

Jim Yousif