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

RE: TTB Notice No. 4

Dear Sir/Madam:

Many retail stores sell flavored malt beverages, and we are sick and tired of being taxed to death by a government that likes to single out alcohol products! That is why I am writing to ask that you reject the TTB's proposed rules changes to flavored malt drinks that serve as one of our largest customer bases. We simply cannot afford the loss of revenue the change in composition or the increase in price of this product line would cause us. When people go into business, they do not do so with the hope that if they get into financial trouble that the government will pull them out. At the same time, however, they do NOT expect the government to push them to the brink of bankruptcy. But, that is exactly what will.

It should be readily apparent that these proposed TTB changes are a financial slap in the face to hard-working people who put in long hours for modest returns just to keep their local retail stores going. That is why I am hoping you will stand up for the retailer and consumer by opposing these rules changes. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian Lane