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RE: TTB NOTICE NUMBER FOUR

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

To Whom It May Concern:

There are only two possible outcomes from the proposed new regulations for flavored malt beverages. The beverages will either be priced out of existence by excessive taxes or the product line will be eliminated. This type of regulation makes no economical sense. It will ultimately hurt the economy.

Why are we messing with thirty-year old regulations that have worked just fine? The flavored malt beverage regulations have been working well and treating all parties fairly. Let's not mess with a good thing.

I hope you agree with my comments and also oppose the rule changes proposed for the flavored malt beverage industry. Your voters need your support on this issue. Thank you.

Regards,

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