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Chief
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RE: TTB Notice Number Four

To Whom It May Concern:

Apparently members of the TTB are unaware that the nation is in financial crisis? At a time when President Bush is trying to find new ways of stimulating the economy and putting people back to work, the proposed rules changes for flavored malt beverages would depress our business by eliminating these products from the market or taxing them to death. In either case, retailers will lose! If retailers lose sales and cannot show a profit, many will have to layoff employees or, worse, shut down. Can't you see how much damage your proposal would actually have on the economy?

The old saying that if something is not broken it should not be fixed holds very true in this particular case. The federal government and the flavored malt beverage industry have the experience of 30 successful years under the current regulations. Please allow these regulations to continue serving all parties fairly and efficiently. Do not make changes that will effectively destroy businesses and eliminate the federal excise taxes garnered from the sales of these beverages.

I sincerely appreciate your time and attention to this very important matter. I can only hope that you will give my opinions your serious consideration.

Sincerely,
Jim Daughety