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RE: TTB NOTICE NUMBER FOUR

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

To Whom It May Concern:

The people at the TTB need to become more aware of the challenges that retailers who sell regulated products, like flavored malt beverages, already face. Perhaps then the TTB would be less inclined to push for disastrous actions like those outlined in Notice No.4.

These rule changes will devastate small businesses like mine, who depend quite heavily on the sale of flavored malt beverages. Not only do we do a very good business with these products, but they also aid us by generating a lot of income in other purchases. In today's economy, with our already too heavy regulatory and tax burdens, we just can't withstand the kind of results this proposal will give us. Please oppose it.

Sincerely Yours,

David Layne