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

Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: TTB Notice Number Four

No new taxes! We keep saying this over and over, but it is falling on deaf ears. Now there is a TTB proposal concerning flavored malt drinks that will likely result in higher excise taxes on this product.. Economic recovery will only be hampered by more new taxes.

There has to be a better solution than what is proposed by the TTB. Their solution would likely result in destruction of the flavored malt beverage industry. No retailer in America wants that!

I hope you will join many who oppose this rules change.. Your participation in finding a compromise solution would also be deeply appreciated. Thank you.

Regards,

Stewart Gaines