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Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: TTB Notice Number Four

It is with great concern that I write to you regarding TTB Notice NO. 4. If this proposed rule change is allowed to pass, it will most certainly destroy the flavored malt beverage industry and cause irreparable harm to small retailers.

As one of those small retailers who are at risk, we operate a business that depends on sales of flavored malt beverages. The proposed new regulations would sabotage this family of products by making it impossible to produce or too costly to sell. Taking away a product line of a retail business is an immediate thwart to our bottom line. Our government should be looking for ways to empower America's small businesses; not destroy them.

Surely a fair compromise between all parties affected by TTB Notice No. 4 can be achieved. Such a compromise would save the flavored malt beverage industry and the retailers who depend on their sales, from destruction.

Therefore, I respectfully urge you to oppose the rule changes outlined in TTB Notice No. 4. Doing so will be a vote in favor of America's small businesses.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Marylee Trias