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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

Dear Sir/Madarn:

If I were a reporter, reading TTB Notice No.4, I would write a headline that reads -'Government Sanctions Terrorism Against America's Small Businesses'. The plan to reclassify and increase the tax on flavored malt beverages should strike terror in the hearts of every small retail business owner.

This plan will result in a major loss of revenue for retailers, so major that in many cases the businesses won't survive the implementation of the revised regulations. If the government hopes to increase its revenues through this revised policy, their hopes will go unrealized as the market for flavored malt beverages vanishes. If they hope to stimulate the economy with this plan, they are incompetently unaware of the economic impact business closings and layoffs have on the economy. This proposed policy is bad news from start to finish, and I truly hope you will oppose it firmly.

Sincerely Yours,  
David Siders

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