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

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: TTB Notice Number Four

Retailers and consumers across the country are being taxed to death! Now the proposed rule change contained in TTB Notice No.4 will add additional taxes to the flavored malt beverages. This rule is both anti-consumer and anti-business. It would deprive consumers of a product they want and irreparably damage a successful business that provides that product.

The TTB already correctly concluded that flavored malt beverage sales have no negative impact on federal excise tax receipts. So, why are they considering a rule change that would ultimately negatively impact excise tax receipts? It just does not make sense.
This proposed rule change is an unwise regulatory nightmare. Please oppose this punitive change and encourage support for a compromise that would not destroy the flavored malt beverage market. Thank you for your consideration.

I would appreciate your thoughts on this issue.

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