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

RE: TTB Notice No.4

Dear Sir/Madam:

I like to think my small retail business is an important factor in the local economy. I am unhappy to discover that the federal government wants rules changes that could result in shutting my business down. As a retailer who provides jobs to locals and generates tax revenues for the government, I think it is unfair for the government to step in and eliminate one of my most important product lines - flavored malt beverages.

By reclassifying, reformulating, and over-taxing flavored malt beverages, the proposed policy would make it impossible for me to continue selling these products, which account for a significant part of my revenue, and therefore play a significant role in my ability to support employees and pay taxes to the government. Nobody is going to win with the proposed changes as they stand. Seek a compromise if you must, but please reject this proposal for the bad policy it truly would be.
Sincerely Yours,

Neil Patros