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RE: TTB NOTICE NUMBER FOUR

May 17, 2003

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

Dear Alcohol Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau:

I think something is fundamentally wrong when big government proposes regulations that would hurt little people who are already struggling. My customers in the Hampton, GA area are already feeling the effects of a weak economy. Now, the government wants to add to their misery by placing additional taxes on flavored malt beverages, a popular product many of my customers enjoy. That's adding insult to injury if you ask me.

Don't you agree that America is already carrying a heavy burden of taxes and regulatory requirements? With high unemployment and a slow economy, we should be eliminating these economic barriers, not enlarging them. That's what I'm hoping you believe and why I ask you to please oppose the TTB's proposed rule changes for the flavored malt beverage industry. Your active opposition to the proposed rules change would help keep small retailers going, save thousands of jobs and millions of dollars in excise taxes for the federal government.

Please do everything you can to see that these new rules do not become national policy. It would be very unwise.

Sincerely,

Judy Ledbetter