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RE: TTB Notice No. 4

Dear Sir/Madam:

Consumers and retailers have been at the mercy of legislators and regulators for far too long now. How we are expected to sit idly by and watch as people who buy flavored malt beverages and the businesses that sell these products are targeted to pay more than their fair share in taxes via the rules changes proposed in TTB Notice No.4?

For years now, every time the federal government has experienced a money crunch they have turned to the consumer to make up the difference. Well, enough is enough! The taxes on flavored malt beverages, such as Mike's Hard Lemonade are already too high and we don't need anymore. To regulate additional taxes on these products would make them unaffordable to consumers and that would definitely hurt the businesses that rely on the product to pad their bottom line.

It is apparent that this proposed rules change is a fatal blow to the consumer and retailer alike. Please help divert a disaster by opposing additional regulation on flavored malt beverages.

Sincerely Yours,

Debbie Wooldridge

