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Mr. William Foster

Chief Regulations and Procedures Division

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Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau

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Washington, DC 20091-0221

Attn: Notice No. 4

Dear Mr. Foster:

As Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates, I want to express my support for the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau's proposed "0.5% by-volume standard on flavored malt beverages (FMB)."

The proposed standard just makes good sense and reinforces Virginia's three-tier system that is based in part on clear distinctions between categories of alcohol beverages. I concur with the Virginia ABC Department's letter endorsing the proposed standard and encourage you to adopt the proposed regulation.

Sincerely,

William J. Howell

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