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Attn: Notice 4
Dear Sir or Madam:

The U.S. Treasury's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau has proposed a rule regarding flavored malt beverages (2001R-136P). I support the proposal.

In clarifying that any product sold, marketed and taxed as a malt beverage product must be made according to traditional brewing methods and processes, the 0.5% standard would ensure the stability of the retail licensing system and the overall marketplace. Wholesalers and retailers would continue to distribute, sell and market flavored malt beverages as they do today, and the consumer would notice no discernable taste differences. Product uniformity and consistency would assist states in regulating product standards and quality.

A consistent national standard as proposed by the TTB has my support. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Speaker