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To: 'nprm@ttb.gov'

Subject: TBB Notice No. 4

> Dear Sir or Madam:

> > As a Miller Brewing Company employee, I am writing to express my support  
> for the TTB'S proposed rulemaking for flavored malt beverages which  
> preserves the integrity of beer.

> > I believe the TTB's action is an important clarification that ensures that  
> if a FMB product is to be sold as a malt beverage, it should be made as a  
> malt beverage according to traditional brewing methods and processes.

> > If your rule is adopted, consumers will still be able to enjoy FMB  
> products and wholesalers and retailers to will continue to be able to  
> distribute, sell and market flavored malt beverages as they do today.

> > However, absent your new standard, brewers, retailers, and wholesalers  
> will face a potential for a patchwork of individual state laws and  
> regulations where the same product may ultimately be sold as a "beer" in  
> one state and as "hard liquor" in another...in fact, I understand that we  
> are already seeing this kind of situation in the state of Nebraska and  
> will almost certainly see this situation in several other states.

> > Thank you for this opportunity to offer my support for your proposed FMB  
> rule preserving the unique differences and integrity of beer.

> Sincerely, Diane Christopherson