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ATTN: Notice 4

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of a national standard for the production and distribution of flavored malt beverages as put forth in rulemaking by the U.S. Treasury's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (2001R-136P).

The proposed rule "permits the addition of flavorings and other materials containing alcohol to malt beverage products on if the alcohol from such materials constitutes less than 0.5% by volume of the finished product" providing a uniform standard for products marketed as malt beverages while ensuring product integrity, maintaining the longstanding classification system of beer, wine and spirits while providing retailers and distributors with a uniform rule of law within which to market their products.

Thank you for considering my opinion in this matter.

Sincerely,

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