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TO: All J. J. Taylor employees

FROM: Tina Lauder (on behalf of Jodi Gooding)

DATE: October 13, 2003

RE: Help needed to pass legislation to protect the beer industry

Attached is a letter that John Taylor is requesting your support with. We need our employees' help in order to pass legislation to protect the beer industry.

Please read the attached letter and sign at the bottom. Please also print your home address under your signature. Then mail the letter in the attached self-addressed, stamped envelope no lath than WEDNESDAY. OCTOBER 15th,, 2003.

Thank you in advance for prompt attention to this matter as well as your continued support.

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Chief, Regulations, Procedures Division
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
P.O. Box 50221
Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

Dear Sir or Madam:

I support the proposed rule issued in March 2003 by The Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) that states that for an FMB to be classified as beer, its alcohol content from distilled alcohol cannot exceed 0.5%.

beer is a unique product that has been regulated and taxed differently than other alcohol beverages throughout our nation's history. The TTB proposed rule is consistent with the historical interpretation of what constitutes beer and other malt beverages. Adoption of the TTB "0.5 by volume standard" would ensure the integrity of beer and the brewing process.

This proposed rule would help maintain an orderly marketplace and avoid costly and confusing disruptions in state licensing, taxation and distribution policies. Equating beer to beverages that derive a majority of their alcohol content from distilled spirits could weaken the important distinctions between beer and products with higher alcohol content. These distinctions impact state and federal policies regarding the regulation and taxation of beer and other alcohol beverages.

Beer is not distilled spirits. Beer is not fortified wine. Beer is not a product that has been made through the distillation process. Beer is made through the brewing process. The 0.5% standard will ensure that the integrity of beer remains.

Sincerely,

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