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Mr. William Foster  
Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division  
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau  
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RE: TTB Notice No. 4  
Dear Mr. Foster:

I want to express my support for the U.S. Treasury's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau proposed rule-making for flavored malt beverages (200 1R-136P).

This proposed regulation will clarify that products sold, marketed and taxed as a malt beverage product must be made according to traditional brewing methods and processes. the proposed 0.5% standard will ensure the stability of the retail licensing system in the overall marketplace. A consistent standard will allow wholesalers and retailers to continue to distribute, sell and market flavored malt beverages as they do today.

Streamlining this regulation will bring about uniformity and will prevent each state from dealing with this issue on a piece-meal basis.

Thank you for considering these comments and should you require further information or if I can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

David LI. Wilkins  
Speaker of the House -

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