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GAREY BIES 1ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS AND THE COURTS

October 6, 2003

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

Attention: Notice 4  
Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to express my support for the U.S. Treasury's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau proposed rulemaking for flavored malt beverages (2001 R-136).

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 proposed .50/a standard ensures the stability of the retail licensing system and the overall marketplace. The .5% standard will allow wholesalers and retailers to continue to distribute, sell and market FMBs.

Thank you for the opportunity for me to offer my support for the current TTB proposed rulemaking for fermented malt beverages.

Sincerely,

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State Representative

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