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ATTN: Reference TTB Notice No. 4
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the United States Treasury's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau proposed rulemaking for flavored malt beverages (200 1R-136P).

By clarifying that any product sold, marketed, and taxed as a malt beverage product must be produced according to traditional brewing methods and processes, the proposed 0.5% standard ensures the stability of the retail licensing system and the overall marketplace. In addition, the proposed standard will ensure product integrity while providing a uniform and consistent classification system on which states, manufacturers, wholesalers, and consumers can rely. The flavored malt beverage products that look and taste the same will be available to wholesalers and retailers in all states with no interruption and no discernable taste difference to consumers.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for the TTB proposed rulemaking for flavored malt beverages.

Sincerely,

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Wisconsin State Assembly, 9th District

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