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William Foster, Chief
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Attn: Notice 4

Dear Chief William Foster,

I am writing in support of the U.S. Treasury's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau proposed rule 2001 R-136P, ensuring that flavored malt beverage products derive the majority of their alcohol from the traditional fermentation process.

The .5% standard is essential to the stability of product standardization that customers have come to expect and that producers and wholesalers can easily abide by, which increases the strength of the marketplace. This standard also eases the burden on state regulations and bureaucracy by providing consistency in the taxation that must be applied to malt beverages.

I have been informed that Miller Brewing Company along with other brewers has already developed products that conform to this rule without altering the taste of their flavored malt beverages. A rule that is easy to follow and brings stability to the economic marketplace while decreasing the necessary amount of state regulation is clearly beneficial not only to the state of Wisconsin, but to our nation as a whole.

Sincerely

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