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September 17, 2003

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

Attn: Notice 4

Dear Administrator Foster:

I am writing this letter to convey my full support for the U.S. Treasury's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau rulemaking authority for all flavored malt beverages (2001R-136P).

By clarifying that any product marketed, sold, and taxed, as a malt beverage must be made according to age-old brewing methods, the overall marketplace for such products can be stabilized, efficiently licensed, and maintained. Furthermore, product conformity and retail license stability in the alcoholic beverage sector would be attained if the bureau enforced the proposed 0.5% standard. After discussing this issue with several alcohol distributors throughout my represented district, I strongly feel that the proposed standard will allow wholesalers and retailers to continue to distribute, sell, and/or market flavored malt beverages as they currently do without interrupting the success of their business.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter, and I remain hopeful that with your assistance, the 0.5% standard for malt-flavored beverages will become law. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or comments. Your continued assistance is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Scott Suder
State Representative
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Cc: Mr. Jake Leinenkugel, Mr. Paul Lucas
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