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Larry Balow State Representative 68th Assembly District

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

Attn: Notice 4

Dear Sir or 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 (200 1R-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 .5% standard ensures the stability of the retall 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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