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Mr. William Foster Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau PO Box 50221 Washington, DC 20091-0221

Attention: Notice No. 4 Dear Mr. Foster,

As Chairperson of the Militia, Police and Public Safety Committee of the Virginia House of Delegates, with oversight responsibility for regulating alcohol as regards public safety in Virginia, I want to express my support for the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau's proposed "0.5% by-volume standard on flavored malt beverages (FMB)

The proposed standard just makes good sense and reinforces Virginia's three-tier system, which is based in part on clear distinctions between categories of alcohol beverages. I concur with the Virginia ABC Department's letter endorsing the proposed standard and encourage you to adopt the proposed regulation.

Sincerely,

Beverly J. Sherwood, Delegate Virginia House of Delegates

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