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STOVAL BEVERAGE COMPANY

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Chief, Regulations & Procedures Division
Alcohol & Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
P.O. Box 50221
Washington, DC 20091

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. (2001R-136P)

I believe the TTB's action is an important clarification of federal alcohol beverage categories established to maintain an orderly US marketplace. Absent a national standard rooted in existing law and regulation, manufacturers, retailers and wholesalers will face a potential for a patchwork of individual state laws and regulations where the same product may ultimately be sold as a "beer" in one state and as a "distilled spirits" in another.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my support for the TTB proposed rulemaking.

Sincerely,

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