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Re: Notice No. 4
Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing in support of the proposed rule for flavored malt beverages (220 iR-136P).

I believe that when establishing what products are marketed and taxed as malt beverages, a requirement should be that they are made according to traditional brewing methods. This would certainly stabilize the marketplace and the licensing system.

We need to make sure that wholesalers and retailers continue to distribute, sell and market flavored malt beverages as they presently do. I do not believe that the proposed rule will result in any interruption in the marketplace or a change in the taste of the products for consumers.

I would appreciate your consideration on this matter.

Very truly yours,

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