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

Attn: Notice 4

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for proposed rulemaking for flavored malt beverages (2001R-136P) by the U.S. Treasury's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau.

The stability of the retail licensing system and the overall marketplace relies on the clarification of malt beverage products sold, marketed, and taxed. The proposed .5% standard on beverages traditionally brewed and processed will allow wholesalers and retailers to continue to distribute, sell and market flavored malt beverages as they do today. The flavored malt beverage products that look and taste the same will be available to wholesalers and retailers in states without any interruption or discernable taste differences.

Thank you for your time. If you should have questions, please feel free to contact me at

Sincerely,

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