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To Whom It May Concern:

Re Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau Notice No.4

I am writing to express my strong support for the efforts of the TTB to properly classify new forms of flavored beverages by proposing a standard requiring that a flavored malt beverage contain no more than 0.5% alcohol derived from distillation.

According to a 2002 TTB analysis, many flavored malt beverages from larger suppliers are no longer being made in the traditional brewing process. Instead, they derive most of their alcohol content from distilled alcohol in the flavors.

I believe the standard proposed by TTB will ensure product integrity; preserve longstanding distinctions imposed on beer, wine, and spirits; and provide a uniform and consistent classification system on which the states, manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers can rely.

I would wholeheartedly encourage your support of the proposed "0.5 % flavored malt beverage standard." Thank you.

Sincerely,

Al Mansell, President
Utah State Senate