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Subject: Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau Notice No. 4

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please note my support for the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau proposed rulemaking for flavored malt beverages. (2001R-136P)

If a product is to be known as a "flavored malt beverage", it only makes sense that the product alcohol be derived from the fermentation process. Your proposed rulemaking codifies that sensible and truthful requirement.

Also, this proposal appropriately establishes a long-overdue national standard. By promulgating this proposal, the TTB will ensure that manufacturers, retailers, and wholesalers will not face a patchwork of varying state laws where the one flavored malt beverage sells as "beer" in one state and as "distilled spirits" in a neighboring state.

Thank you.