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Subject: TTB Notice No. 4/Flavored Malt Beverage Standard (2001R-136P)
Dear Chief:

I wholeheartedly endorse the Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau's proposed rulemaking for flavored malt beverages.

Your proposed action helps to clarify federal alcohol beverage categories ensuring an orderly US marketplace while meeting consumer demand and sustaining the long-term development of the product category. Additionally, under your proposal, these reformulated products will be consistent with state tax, license, and distribution laws, thus allowing manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers to continue to distribute, sell and market flavored malt beverages in an uninterrupted manner.

As a consumer, if the category is to be known as a "flavored malt beverage", it only makes sense that those products should be produced via the fermentation process. Your proposal codifies that sensible requirement.

I appreciate the opportunity for me to make my support known for this proposal via the public comment process.

Sincerely,

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