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To: Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
Attention: Notice Number 4

VIA FACSIMILE: 202-927-8525

Dear Sir:

As Alderman of the 32nd Ward in the City of Chicago, I am privileged to represent many of Chicago's finest bars, restaurants and liquor establishments. I have been made aware of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau considerations of new regulations that would drastically change the way that flavored malt beverages are made. I believe this change will have a detrimental effect on the entertainment industry.

After close study of the options that are being considered, I would recommend that the dire 90-10 (or 0.5%) standard be selected. I feel that this option would regulate and maintain the integrity of beer and help establish order in the liquor industry.

Sincerely,

Ted Matlak
Aldennan, 32nd Ward