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Alcohol, Tobacco, Tax & Trade Bureau  
Regulations and Procedures Division  
P.O. Box 50221  
Washington, D.C. 20091

Dear Chief:

I am writing in support of the 5 1-49 (predominance) standard proposal for flavored malt beverages under consideration by the Alcohol, Tobacco, Tax & Trade Bureau.

It is my understanding this proposal is a common sense regulatory approach that is consistent with current policy. Most importantly, it is a proposal which ultimately promotes a fair and competitive marketplace for both the beer and malt beverage industry.

It is in everyone's best interest, consumers and industry alike, not to impose regulations that force competitors out of business. As such, I am urging your favorable consideration of the 51-49 standard proposal.

Thank you for your attention. Should you require further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

JOHN J. BONACIC  
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