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Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division

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Criminal

Apprehension Dear Chief:

Capito! Security The Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division of the State of Minnesota would Driver & Vehicle like to express its support of ATF's effort to define "flavored malt beverages". The Services introduction of flavored malt beverages into the marketplace has been a complicated Emergency and confusing situation for regulators as well as the consuming public.

Management/

Emergency Your efforts to establish a uniform national standard in identifying these "flavored Response

Commission malt beverages" is of great importance to our state. The State of Minnesota accepts

Office of ATF classification as part of its brand label registration process, and ultimately Justice approves brand labels for distribution into Minnesota based in part on that product Programs classification.

State Fire

Marshal / Thank you for your efforts, and if there is anything that the State of Minnesota can Pipeline Safety do to assist you, please do not hesitate to contact us at 651-296-6430. State Patrol Traffic Safety

Sincerely,

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ALCOHOL AND GAMBLING ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Frank Ball, Director

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