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Mr. William Foster
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Dear Mr. Foster:

I am writing to express my support for the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau's proposed rulemaking for flavored malt beverages--(2001R-136P). This action is a necessary clarification of federal alcohol beverage categories.

The proposed standard reinforces North Carolina's alcoholic beverage control system, which is based in part on distinctions between categories of alcohol beverages. The North Carolina ABC Commission has endorsed the proposed standard and I encourage you to adopt it.

Without a national standard based upon existing law and regulation, manufacturers, retailers, and wholesalers will face a potential hodgepodge of state laws and regulations where the same product may be sold in one state as a "beer" and in another state as a "distilled spirit".

Thank you for taking time to read this letter outlining my position on this issue. I look forward to your favorable ruling.

Sincerely,

Nelson Cole

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