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Dear Sir: As a former State Senator for North Carolina, and member the the Senate Finance Committee, I would like to encourage you most emphatically to adopt the proposed rule for establishing the .5% standard for malt beverages. You have received letters from North Carolina representing legislators, the ABC Commission, and the wholesalers, among others, urging you to adopt the standard and not jeopardize the three tiered system that has been so effective in this state for many years. We could have obtained numerous additional letters supporting this position, but felt that the decision would not be a game of numbers, but the exercise of good judgment not starting down a slippery slope to blur the distinction between malt beverages and distilled spirits. This distinction exists in the several states for good reason. Please help us preserve it.

Very truly yours, Alexander P. Sands PO Box 831 Raleigh, NC 27602 919-755-2111

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