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Attn: Notice No. 4 Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau P.O. Box 50221 Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

Dear Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division:

I am writing in support of the proposed 0.5 percent standard for flavored malt beverages. The proposed standard is the best way to maintain clear distinctions between beer and liquor from both a health and taxation standpoint. If alternative proposals are adopted, the distinction between beer, flavored malt beverages, and hard liquor will become negatively blurred. It is the best way to preserve the flavored malt beverage category.

Thank you.

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