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August 28, 2003

Mr. William Foster, Chief  
Regulations and Procedures Division  
Alcohol & Tobacco Tax & Trade Bureau  
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Washington, DC 20091-0221

Dear Mr. Foster:

It is my understanding that the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau has proposed rules for flavored malt beverages (2001R-136P). I commend you for making an effort to clarify standards that will be helpful in maintaining an orderly market place. The Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board has endorsed this standard. As you know, Virginia has a three-tier system, which is based in part on clear distinctions between categories of alcoholic beverages. I was glad to know the position of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Department on this matter, and I hope you will show every consideration to their position in this regard. A good point is made that beer may be sold as something in one state and as a distilled spirit in another. Thank you for your work and effort with the current TTB proposed rulemaking for flavored malt beverages.

Sincerely yours,

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