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MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
Augusta, Maine 04333

August 21, 2003

Chief, Regulations and Procedure Division  
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau  
Washington DC, 20091-022 1

(Attn: Notice No. 4)

Dear Division Chief;

As co-chairs of the legislative committee with jurisdiction over alcoholic beverages, we appreciate the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau's proposed regulatory efforts to clarify the current state of affairs concerning flavored malt beverages.

After reviewing the proposed rule, we feel confident it addresses our concerns in Maine. Additionally, implementing the proposed rule as currently drafted would not require any statutory changes to the Maine liquor laws.

Let us again thank TTB for assuming a leadership role in addressing this situation. If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Senator Kenneth T. Gagnon Resentative Joseph Clark,  
Maine State Senate Maine House of Representatives