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Chief, Regulations and Procedures Divison PO Box 50221 Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to express my support for the U.S. Treasury's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau proposed rulemaking for Flavored Malt Beverages (2001R-136P).

In clarifying that any product sold, marketed and taxed as malt beverage product must be made according to traditional brewing methods and processes, the proposed 0.5% standard ensures that the stability of the retail licensing system and the overall marketplace. This consistant standard will allow wholesalers and retailers to continue to distribute, sell and market flavored malt beverages as they do today. The flavored malt beverage products that look and tase the same will be available to wholesalers and retailers in all states with no interruption and no discernable taste differences for consumers.

Thank you and again I offer my support for the current TTB proposed rulemaking for flavored malt beverages.

Sincerely,

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