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Attn: Notice No. 4Chief, Regulations and Procedures DivisionAlcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade BureauP.O. Box 50221Washington, D.C. 20091-0221Dear 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 and it is the best way to preserve the flavored malt beverage category. Thank you. Please don't forget to replace this text with your name and home address.