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SIXTY-NINTH DISTRICT August 22, 2003

Mr. William Foster
Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
P.O. Box 50221
Washington, D.C.
Re: Notice No. 4

Dear Mr. Foster:

As Minority Leader of the Virginia House of Delegates, I would like join with the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control in expressing support for the proposed 0.5% alcohol by volume standard proposed by TTB.

As the Virginia ABC board stated in a letter dated May 13, 2003, "Any standard allowing a higher percentage of alcohol from a source other than the brewing process would create a potential conflict with current Virginia law." The proposed standard will avoid confusion and reinforce Virginia's three-tier system based in part on clear distinctions between categories of alcoholic beverages.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

Franklin P. Hall

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