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Chief Regulations and Procedures Division Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau P.O. Box 50021 Washington, DC 20091-O22 I

Dear Chief:

I would like to see your department formally adopt the proposed rulemaking under consideration for flavored malt beverages (TTB Notice Number Four). This common sense mieasure is fair for consumers, retailors and for flavored malt beverage manufacturers.

As an adult consumer, I believe that when this rule is formally adopted it will provide much needed guidance on the manufacturing process and composition of these products. Frankly, if these products are to be known in public parlance as a flavored malt beverage, then it only makes sense that they should be manufactured in accordance with the strict standards already in place for other malt beverages.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my thoughts in support of your proposaL

Yours truly,

Christopher Van Patten