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Attn: Notice 4

Dear Sir or Madam:

It has recently come to my attention that the U.S. Treasury's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau is proposing a rulemaking change for flavored malt beverages (200 iR-136) that would establish a 0.5% standard. I fully support this proposal.

In clarifying that any product sold, marketed and taxed as a malt beverage product must be made according to traditional brewing methods and processes, the proposed 0.5% standard ensures the stability of the retail licensing system and the overall marketplace. The 0.5% standard will allow wholesalers and retailers to continue to distribute, sell and market fermented malt beverages.

I appreciate the opportunity to offer my support on the proposed rulemaking change for fermented malt beverages.

Sincerely,

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Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore
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