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From: Sandysalv@aol.com

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To: nprm@ttb.gov

Subject: Reference TTB Notice No. 4

Dear Sir or Madam:

> I am writing to express my support for the TTB'S proposed rulemaking for flavored malt beverages > which preserves the integrity of beer.

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> I believe the TTB's action is an important clarification that ensures that

> if a FMB product is to be sold as a malt beverage, it should be made as a

> malt beverage according to traditional brewing methods and processes.

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> If your rule is adopted, consumers will still be able to enjoy FMB

> products and wholesalers and retailers to will continue to be able to

> distribute, sell and market flavored malt beverages as they do today.

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> However, absent your new standard, brewers, retailers, and wholesalers

> will face a potential for a patchwork of individual state laws and

> regulations where the same product may ultimately be sold as a "beer" in

> one state and as "hard liquor" in another...in fact, I understand that we

> are already seeing this kind of situation in the state of Nebraska and

> will almost certainly see this situation in several other states.

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> Thank you for this opportunity to offer my support for your proposed FMB

> rule preserving the unique differences and integrity of beer.

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> Sincerely,

Sandy Salvaggio

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