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Comments=I am a 42-year-old woman who can't stand the taste of beer, but occasionally enjoys alcoholic beverages in social situations. I've been thrilled when the "malt beverage" alternatives became more widely available, giving me options. Why should I have to pay more taxes than my beer-drinking peers, when we are both enjoying 12-oz. "cold ones" in similar bottles and with similar alcohol content? If alcoholic beverages must be taxed differently, the differences should be based on total percentage of alcohol, not how the beverage is flavored. Otherwise, it's just punishing those of us who don't like the taste of beer.