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August 29, 2003

Mr. William Foster  
Chief, Regulations & Procedures Division  
Alcohol & Tobacco Tax & Trade Bureau  
Post Office Box 50221  
Washington, D.C. 20091-0021  
InRe: Notice #4  
Dear Mr. Foster:

As a member of the Senate of Virginia, representing localities in the Southeentral section of the Commonwealth, I write to recommend the "0.5% by-volume standard on flavored malt beverages (FMB)" that is proposed. My understanding is prompted by Mr. Danielsen's letter (May 13, 2003) from the VA Department of Alcoholic Beverages.

Additionally, my impression from area employees, such as at the Miller Brewing Company in Eden, North Carolina, is that this makes "good sense".

I believe this proposed standard is a reinforcement for our state's three-tier system of standards, that clearly distinguishes between categories of alcoholic beverages, and I want to urge its adoption.

Yours truly,

Charles R Hawkins