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Subject: Support for TTB Notice Number Four/Flavored Malt Beverage (FMB) Standard

Dear Chief:

Please note my support for your bureau's proposed rulemaking for flavored malt beverages.

The proposal establishes a national standard so that manufacturers, retailers, and wholesalers will not face a multitude of differing state laws where the one FMB sells as "beer" in one state and as "distilled spirits" in a neighboring state.

Also, if a product is to be known as a "flavored malt beverage", it only makes sense that the FMB be produced via the fermentation process. Your proposal codifies that sensible and truthful requirement.

Your common sense approach to the FMB issue should be adopted. It's an excellent proposal.

Sincerely

David Sullivan