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Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
P.O. Box 50221
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Re: Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau Notice No.4

To Whom It May Concern:

I support the U.S. Treasury's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau proposed rulemaking for flavored malt beverages.

The TTB's proposed standard ensures that any product sold, marketed and taxed as a malt beverage product must be manufactured in accordance with the strict standards required of all malt beverage products.

This important proposal creates a much needed national standard, thus eliminating the potential for a hodgepodge of state laws and administrative regulations where the same flavored malt beverage may ultimately be sold as a "beer" in one state and as a "distilled spirits" in another state.

Thank you for providing me with an opportunity to note my support for your proposed rulemaking.

Sincerely.

Michael R. Houseknecht