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Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division  
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau  
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Dear Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division:

I am writing in support of the proposed 0.5 percent standard for flavored malt beverages.

The proposed standard is the best way to maintain clear distinctions between beer and liquor and it is the best way to preserve the flavored malt beverage category. To be honest, I feel that the complexity of our government needs to be reduced and this will help in some small way.. A step in the right direction. Thank you.

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