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Dear Sir or Madam:

As an elected state official, I am writing to express my support for the United States Treasury's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau's proposed standard for flavored malt beverages (2001R-136P).

This standard is the most efficient means to address recent concerns relating to flavored malt beverages by both federal and state officials. In addition, these reformulated products will be consistent with state tax, license, and distribution laws allowing wholesalers and retailers to continue to distribute, sell and market flavored malt beverages as they do today.

The proposed standard ensures product integrity, preserves long-standing distinctions imposed on beer, wine and spirits, and provides a uniform and consistent classification system on which states, manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers and consumers can rely. Once adopted, the standard will maintain an orderly marketplace, meet consumer expectations for consistent products, and help sustain the long-term development of the flavored malt beverage category.

I wholeheartedly support the TTB proposed standard for flavored malt beverages.

Sincerely,

William J. Larkin, Jr.  
Member of Senate