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Attn: Notice No. 4
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. Whether a product is taxed, distributed and sold as beer or as liquor has many important implications and having a patchwork of regulations would be extremely disruptive to the marketplace.

Thank you.

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