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Subject: TTB Rule Proposal

Regulations and Procedures Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau

Dear Chief, As a consumer and an employee in the alcohol, drug addiction and mental health services field, I am bothered by the mislabeling and taxation of alternative beverages (also known as alcopops) as malt beverages, despite the source of their alcohol content. I strongly support the U.S. Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau's (TTB) proposal to clarify and correct the taxation, classification and handling of these flavored malt beverages by treating these within the distilled spirits classification. I also support TTB's proposed alcohol content labeling for certain malternatives, but also would like to see this as required labeling for all "alcopop" products as well as beers and ale. As a concerned parent, professional in the field and citizen, I support the proposed regulation because of my concern about under age drinking, and the strong appeal of "alcopops" to young people. The steps above if taken will help reduce the chance that teens will have easy access to the beverages.

Thank you for addressing this extremely serious issue. Despite protests from others, I urge you to keep the regulation strong and uncompromised, with enactment as soon as possible. Again, your time and support is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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