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Subject: TTB Notice #4, Flavored Malt Beverages and Related Proposals (2001R-136P)

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Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division  
Tax and Trade Bureau  
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RE: TTB Notice #4, Flavored Malt Beverages and Related Proposals (2001R-136P)  
Dear Chief:

Please record Blackfoot River Brewing Company as supporting the proposed regulations for products marketed as flavored malt beverages. Since opening as a business four years ago, Blackfoot River Brewing Company has developed a loyal base of patrons. We value our membership in our community and our contribution to the local economy. Since opening we have added four employees. A big factor for our success has been the loyalty of our patrons and their knowledge of and enjoyment of a good pint of beer.

Brewing beer can be considered as having one of the greater traditions of any trade since time was recorded in written form. Written recordings on brewing beer were made by the Egyptians thousands of years ago. Some breweries in England and Europe are hundreds of years old. More recently, it can be found that brewing beer was a practice of Ben Franklin and Samuel Adams. Our contribution to this great tradition is to brew our beer as it has been for done for years. We also take pleasure in giving tours of our facility and in educating people on the great history and tradition of brewing beer. This great tradition has been compromised by recent entries in the flavored malt beverages.

We believe the proposed regulations will return fairness to the alcohol industry, retain the great tradition of the beer brewing trade, and more importantly, will possibly prevent the likes of Ben Franklin and Samuel Adams from turning over in their graves. Blackfoot River Brewing Company would like to thank the staff at the Tax and Trade Bureau for the hard work that has gone into these deliberations.

Sincerely,

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