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**Thomas A. Villa**  
Missouri House of Representatives  
District 108

Today is Wednesday  
September 7, 2005

Mr. William H. Foster, Chief  
Regulations and Procedures Division  
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau  
ATTN: Notice No. 41  
Post Office Box 14412  
Washington, D. C. 20044-4412

Dear Sir,

The 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment to our Constitution delegates control of the manufacturing, distribution and consumption of alcoholic beverages to the individual states. However, matters such as the labeling being addressed in Notice 41 should be, to assure uniformity, within the jurisdiction of your agency.

The current system of identifying alcohol content by volume or proof has been accepted and understood since its inception. It is most undesirable to alter the existing system by inserting a "standard serving" provision.

"Standard serving" is an impossible concept due to variations in proof, container size and drink recipes. It fails the test of uniformity.

There are no tangible benefits to be achieved by the adoption of the proposed rule, thus my opposition is, and will remain, unwavering.

Very truly yours,

A small, handwritten mark resembling a diagonal slash or a stylized signature.

Thomas A. Villa

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