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Distributor of Beer, Fine Wines & Natural Beverages

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Afln: TTB Notice No. 4  
Chief, Regulations and Procedure Division  
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau  
P.O. Box 50221  
Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing in support of the proposed rule by the TTB that outlines the alcohol content requirements for flavored malt beverages. Beer is a unique beverage that has been regulated and taxed differently than other alcohol beverages throughout our nation's history.

It is important to have consistent regulatory guidelines at the Federal and State level.

The proposal for an FMB to be classified as beer the alcohol content from distilled alcohol cannot exceed .5% would help maintain an orderly market and avoid confusion in state licensing, taxation and distribution.

I encourage the TTB to give final approval to the 0.5% standard on FMBs.

Respectfully

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