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To: Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau

Attention: Notice #4

Dear Sirs,

I am writing you to voice my opinion in favor of option #2 -51-49 standard of Flavored Malt Beverages. Several reasons for my reasoning are as follows:

1. Integrity of products currently in the market and the ability to maintain their current taste profile on which these brands were developed.
2. Fairness to all current producers of these products. Reformulation will only favor larger producers and create severe financial restraints on smaller producers. The 90-10 proposal will also ultimately create higher pricing for the general public.
3. The product was approved as a malt beverage and taxed and priced accordingly. To change this at this point and move more toward the spirit segment makes no sense.

I strongly urge you to support Option #2 in frue fairness toward the continued sale of these products.

Thank you,

Mike Merriman.  
Vice President  
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