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Dear Mr. Foster,

I write to comment on the proposed standard for flavored malt beverages (FMBs) published in the Federal Register on March 24, 2003, by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) pursuant to the rules governing TTB's notice of proposed rulemaking.

I am supportive of this rule as a method to provide the needed clarification for the FMB product category and to maintain the standard identity for beer products as a product made through the brewing process.

In addition, the 0.5% by volume rule would continue to allow the regulation of alcohol products classified as beer to remain unchanged. This maintains the ability of each individual state to regulate FMBs as they see fit.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed rule.

Sincerely,

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