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Mr. Arthur Libertucci  
Administrator  
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau  
Post Office Box 50221  
Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

Subject: Notice 4

Dear Mr. Libertucci:

I write to express my support for the U.S. Treasury's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau's proposed rulemaking for flavored malt beverages (2001R-136P).

I believe a consistent standard should be followed which would allow wholesalers and retailers to continue to distribute, sell, and market flavored malt beverages as they do today. By clarifying that any product sold, marketed or taxed as a malt beverage product must be made according to traditional brewing methods and processes, the proposed 0.5% standard ensures the stability of the retail licensing system and the overall marketplace.

In Alabama, we currently tax flavored malt beverages in the same manner in which we tax beer. The proposed standard would continue this practice. As such, I am happy to offer this letter of support.

Sincerely,  
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lieutenant Governor

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