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To: 'nprm@ttb.gov'

Subject: FW: Reference TTB Notice No. 4

> Dear Sir or Madame:

> > As an employee of Miller Brewing Company, I am writing to express my
> support for the TTB's proposed rulemaking for flavored malt beverages.
> The proposed rulemaking preserves the integrity of "beer."

> > I believe the TTB's action is an important clarification that ensures that
> if a flavored malt beverage is to be sold as a malt beverage, it should be
> made as a malt beverage according to traditional brewing methods and
> processes.

> > If your rule is adopted, consumers will still be able to enjoy flavored
> malt beverages and wholesalers and retailers will continue to be able to
> distribute, sell, and market them as they do today.

> > However, absent your new standard, brewers, retailers, and wholesalers
> will face a potential for a patchwork of individual state laws and
> regulations where the same product may ultimately be sold as a "beer" in
> one state and as "hard liquor" in another...in fact, I understand that we
> are already seeing this kind of situation in the State of Nebraska and
> will almost certainly see this situation in several other states.

> > Thank you for this opportunity to offer my support for your proposed
> flavored malt beverage rule that underscores the fundamental differences
> between malt beverages and hard liquor.

> > Sincerely,

> > > Kristin Kaplan Wolfe

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