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RE: TTB Notice No. 4 - Flavored Malt Beverages

Dear Mr. Foster

As a member of the Massachusetts Bar for nearly 30 years with experience representing licensees at the retail level and a brewer at the legislative and regulatory level, I offer my personal and professional support to the above-referenced rulemaking. It is elementary that for a beverage to be classified as a malt beverage for tax and other purposes the majority of the alcohol therein must come from the brewing process. Thank you for the opportunity to offer this public comment.

Very truly yours,

William F. Coyne, Jr., Esq.