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Hon. William H. Foster, Chief
Regulations and Procedures Division
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Attn: Notice No. 41
P.O. Box 14412
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Dear Sir:

It has been brought to my attention that the TTB has issued Notice No. 41 seeking public comment on whether additional requirements should be added to current alcohol product levels.

I support the continued use of the current federal standard of using percent alcohol by volume. Adding the phrase "standard serving" would be misleading, especially for the many types of hard liquor. The purpose should be enlightening the consumer, not adding to the confusion.

Changing the description of the way alcohol is dispensed in drinks would confuse the significant difference in alcoholic strength between beer, wine and liquor. In an age where cases of underage drinking, driving and alcohol related accidents are on the increase, changes to the current laws would only hinder efforts to encourage responsible drinking.

Sincerely yours,

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