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Budweiser  
KING OF BEERS

COUNTY DISTRIBUTING CO., INC.

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Attention: TTB Notice Number 4  
Chief Regulations and Procedures Division  
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau  
P.O. Box 50221  
Washington, DC 20091-0221

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We support the proposed ruling from the Tax and Trade Bureau requiring flavored malt beverages to have no more than 0.5% alcohol content from distilled spirits in order for it to be classified as beer.

Beer is uniquely different from other alcoholic beverages. This is evidenced by how beer is taxed and regulated at the Federal and state levels. The proposed rule will help maintain orderly channels of distribution, licensing, and taxation.

It is important to differentiate beer from distilled spirits when it comes to Federal and state policies. Beer is brewed, not distilled. Blurring the difference will encourage distillers to disguise their products as beer.

County Distributing Company encourages you to approve the proposed 0.5% standard on flavored malt beverages.

Sincerely yours,

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CFO/Controller

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