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Mr. William Foster  
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Attn: Notice No. 4  
Dear Mr. Foster,

I want to express my support for the 0.5% standard on flavored malt beverages proposed by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau. For a host of reasons, ranging from taxation to pure and simple public awareness, the integrity of the fermentation process of malt beverages must be preserved.

Without a federal standard, distinguishing malt beverages from distilled spirits will become impossible with each passing year. It would be like mandating that no individual automobile manufacturer have a distinguishing name - no more Ford, General Motors Chrysler, etc. - and that all of those products simply be called cars.

I am aware that the Virginia ABC Department's has endorsed your proposal for the 0.5% standard and I encourage you to adopt the proposed regulation.

Sincerely,  
Charlie Davis