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I have spent almost forty-nine years of my life in the beer business. Thirty-one of those years with a leading brewer and eighteen years with a distributor.

I have reviewed the TTB proposal that would keep intact that any alcoholic product exceeding .5% by volume could not be designated as a beer. Beer is not a product of distillation nor is it a fortified wine.

Any changes would only create a lot of confusion and tend to destroy the integrity of a product that has been regulated by Congress when it first imposed the beer excise tax.

Let's not fix something that isn't broken.

Please support the TTB proposal.

Sincerely,
Les Dixon