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Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division

Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau

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Dear Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division:

I am writing to support the proposed 0.5% standard for flavored malt beverages. This standard is the best way to maintain clear distinctions between beer and liquor and the best way to ensure an orderly market. Any other standard will result in a high level of confusion among the states and cripple this important new category.

Rodney D. Forth

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