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Mr. William H. Foster, Chief
Regulations and Procedures Division
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
ATTN: Notice No. 41
P.O. Box 14412
Washington, DC 20044-4412

William,
Dear Mr. Foster:

Recently it has come to my attention that the Treasury Department's Tax and Trade Bureau is considering whether additional requirements should be added to current alcohol product labels. I am writing in opposition to any changes that would attempt to include standard serving information as opposed to the current policy of using percent alcohol by volume.

As a member of the New York State Assembly, I am concerned with any changes being considered by the Department that could negatively affect the citizens of this great state. While well intentioned, efforts to label alcohol content per standard serving are misguided in that such information does not bring into account differences in strength and concentration that exist between different brands and types of alcohol. The potential for abuse would be compounded by any labeling change that would attempt to significantly alter the current and longstanding federal policy of using proof to measure alcohol content.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter. Should you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Assemblyman David Koon

Cc: John J. Boltz Consulting