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Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division
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RE: TTB Notice #4, Flavored Malt Beverages and related proposals (200 1R-136P).
To Whom It May Concern:

Snake River Brewing Company supports the proposed regulations for flavored malt beverages. We believe that beer is truly a different beverage from these "malternative" drinks. Real, hopped, beer made from barley is produced by completely different means and taxing maltematives as beer is essentially granting those beverages an unfair advantage.

If your proposed changes do not take effect, we believe the line between beer and malternatives will be blurred to the detriment of beer brewers especially small ones. Therefore we strongly support the proposed changes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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