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Subject: Proposed standard

Attn: Notice No. 4
Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau
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Washington, D.C. 20091-0221

Dear Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division:

I am writing in support of the proposed 0.5% standard for flavored malt beverages.

The proposed standard is the best way to maintain clear distinctions between beer and liquor and it is the best way to preserve the flavored malt beverage category.

Thank you.