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To: 'nprm@ttb.gov'

Subject: Reference TTB Notice No. 4

As an employee of Miller Brewing Company, I am writing to express my support for the TTB'S proposed rulemaking for flavored malt beverages which preserves the integrity of beer.

I believe the TTB's action is an important clarification that ensures that if a FMB product is to be sold as a malt beverage, it should be made as a malt beverage according to traditional brewing methods and processes. Absent your new standard, brewers, retailers, and wholesalers will face a potential for a patchwork of individual state laws and regulations where the same product may ultimately be sold as a "beer" in one state and as "hard liquor" in another.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my support for your proposed FMB rule preserving the unique differences and integrity of beer. Sincerely,

Michelle Hobbins Miller Brewing Company