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Dear Sirs:

When I was thirty years old, I resolved to limit my alcohol consumption to beer and wine. Beer was my first choice. After twenty years of sticking to that resolve, I further restricted myself to only two drinks per day on the few days of the week when I did drink. At age 62, I think these were good decisions.

I write all this by way of saying that I have restricted myself to beer, and its kin, for some time now. I have tried and enjoyed other flavored malt beverages and found the same refreshing, thirst quenching ability I had come to expect from beer. Spirits impart a certain sting and tingle to the mouth and throat that some may enjoy. I do not. Liqueurs are too sweet and cloying. I find that I only enjoy wine with food, and not by itself.

So if I want variety, I'll try the flavored malt beverage. I have tried and enjoyed many micro-brews with flavors of raspberry, lemon, coffee, and even chocolate. I have enjoyed the beer flavored with lime, agave, and maybe a little tequila.

I haven't tried wine coolers, or Jack Daniels ready-mixed cocktails. I don't expect the last two will give me the same refreshment I have come to anticipate.

So, in conclusion, please continue to require the malt brewing process that I have enjoyed, and the truth in labeling that will allow me to still enjoy that special thirst quenching quality while trying new flavors.

Sincerely,

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New Hampshire State Representative

cc: Rick Newman, Capital Insights Group

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