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John J. Manfreda, Administrator
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Attn: Notice No. 41

Dear Mr. Manfreda:

It has come to my attention that current federal alcohol beverage label regulations do not allow most beer, wine and distilled spirits companies to provide information about their products so that consumers can make informed choices about what to drink and how much to drink. TTB is to be commended for seeking public comment on this proposed change in regulations.

Of all this information, the amount of alcohol per serving would be highly beneficial for consumers to have.

I respectfully urge TTB to act expeditiously to promulgate a regulation that permits meaningful consumer-oriented Serving Facts on beer, wine and spirits labels. Meanwhile, I further urge TTB to allow manufacturers to provide this kind of truthful, non-misleading information on labels while the rulemaking process proceeds.

Sincerely,

Leo E. Green
State Senator
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