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Dear Interested Party:

Enclosed is the Initial Discussion Paper on Flavored Malt Beverages. Discussion regarding the classification and taxation of flavored malt beverages is scheduled for the Board's **August 14, 2007, Business Taxes Committee** meeting.

However, before the issue is presented at the Business Taxes Committee meeting, staff would like to provide interested parties an opportunity to discuss the issues and present any comments. Accordingly, a meeting is scheduled in **Room 121 (Boardroom) at 10:00 a.m. on February 22, 2007**, at the Board of Equalization, 450 N Street, Sacramento, California.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to provide input for discussion at the meeting, please feel free to write to me at the above address or send a fax to (916) 323-9297 before the February 22, 2007, meeting. You may also listen in on the meeting via streaming audio at the following link <http://www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/alcoholicbeverage.htm>. If you are aware of other persons that may be interested in attending the meeting or presenting their comments, please provide them with a copy of the enclosed material and extend an invitation to the meeting. If you plan to attend the meeting on February 22, 2007, I would appreciate it if you would let us know by contacting Mr. Mike Hale at (916) 322-2768 or by e-mail at Mike.Hale@boe.ca.gov prior to February, 20, 2007. This will allow staff adequate time to prepare materials and handouts for distribution at the meeting. In addition, please let Mike Hale know if you wish to have future correspondence, including the second discussion paper and all attachments, sent to your e-mail address rather than to your mailing address.

Whether or not you are able to attend the above interested parties' meeting, please keep in mind that interested parties are requested to provide written responses to the attached Initial Discussion Paper prior to March 15, 2007. Please be aware that a copy of the material you submit may be provided to other interested parties. Therefore, it is important that your comments do not contain confidential information.



If you are interested in other topics to be considered by the Business Taxes Committee, you may refer to the "Business Taxes Committee" page on the Board's Internet Web site (<http://www.boe.ca.gov/meetings/btcommittee.htm>) for copies of Committee discussion or issue papers, minutes, a procedures manual and calendars arranged according to subject matter and by month.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to your comments and suggestions. Should you have any questions, please contact Mike Hale at (916) 322-2768.

Sincerely,

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