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The Honorable Cory Gardner
U.S. Senate
345 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
U.S. Senate
317 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support for S. 3032, the STATES Act

Dear Senators Gardner & Warren:

On behalf of the Hoh Indian Nation (Tribe), I am writing to convey our support for S. 3032, the Strengthening the Tenth Amendment Through Entrusting States Act or STATES Act. The Tribe is thankful that this legislation respects sovereignty and adheres to the key principle of self-determination by allowing tribal nations, states, and territories to decide for themselves how to best regulate cannabis within their jurisdictions.

The State of Washington became one of the first two states to legalize the cultivation, sale, and adult recreational use of marijuana in 2012. Legalization created jurisdictional confusion, and led the State to work with Tribes and other local stakeholders on ways to regulate marijuana. While the Hoh Indian Nation does not currently engage in the cultivation or sale of marijuana, we support the effort to create certainty for both States and Indian country.

The STATES Act would alleviate the uncertainty at the federal level and help ensure that investments into this industry are protected. Thank you for incorporating the tribal provisions into this legislation, and we look forward to working with you to advance this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Bernard Afterbuffalo, Jr.
Chairman, Hoh Indian Nation

cc: The Honorable Patty Murray
The Honorable Maria Cantwell