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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: Nisqually Tribe's support for S. 3032, the STATES Act

Dear Senators Gardner & Warren,

On behalf of the Nisqually Indian Tribe ("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 appreciates that this legislation adheres to the key principle of self-determination by allowing tribal nations, states, and territories to decide for themselves how best to regulate cannabis within their jurisdictions.

Shortly after the State of Washington legalized cannabis in 2012, the State and tribal nations worked together and created a state-tribal compact process. While the Nisqually Indian Tribe has not entered into such a compact, the Tribe is pleased that this process is in place. However, uncertainty at the federal level remains a concern for our fellow tribal nations currently participating in the cannabis industry and for those tribal nations who may pursue opportunities in this industry in the future.

The STATES Act would alleviate the uncertainty at the federal level and help ensure that investments into this industry are protected. The Tribe is particularly appreciative of the tribal provisions in the bill. Please let us know how we can be helpful in advancing this legislation that is supportive of tribal self-determination.

Respectfully,

Ken Choke
Chairman