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July 9, 2018

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 Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township (Indian Township), I am writing to convey our support for S. 3032, the Strengthening the Tenth Amendment Through Entrusting States Act or STATES Act. The Passamaquoddy 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 best to regulate cannabis within their jurisdictions.

Indian Township is located in the State of Maine, which is in the midst of implementing a robust framework for the regulation of cannabis. However, uncertainty at the federal level has limited opportunities for sensible regulation, which, in turn, restricts our ability to make local decisions that best suit our community. For that reason, we applaud your introduction of the STATES Act, which would protect the desire of sovereign governments to safely and legally regulate cannabis within their borders. In particular, we appreciate your inclusion of tribal governments to ensure that tribal nations and state governments can work in unison to produce laws and regulations that are consistent and that promote public health through responsible cannabis consumption.

In closing, we thank you for your support of the STATES Act and look forward to seeing its enactment before the end of the 115th Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William Nicholas, Sr.", written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

William Nicholas, Sr.

Chief, Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township