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On behalf of The Puyallup Tribe, Chairman Bill Sterud would like to say, we greatly appreciate the leadership of Senator Warren and Senator Gardner to introduce legislation that respects the sovereignty of not only States, but also Tribal Governments. In Washington, we have developed a strong working relationship with the State of Washington on a number of issues and our cannabis compact with the State is just another example of this relationship. It is time that the federal government recognizes and respects the decision that we as governments have made in the interest of our people to move forward on this issue.

For the Puyallup Tribe, we believe cannabis has benefits in addressing critical health needs for people from our veterans suffering with PTSD to our cancer patients struggling with the debilitating effects of chemotherapy. It is time that Congress move forward and support our decisions as citizens and governments.

Sincerely,

**Bill Sterud**