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Senator Michelle Hinchey  
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Assemblywoman Donna A. Lupardo  
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**Re: Act to amend the Cannabis law, in relation to authorizing conditional adult-use cultivator and processor licensees to sell tested, packaged, and sealed cannabis products and cannabis to a cannabis dispensing facility licensed by a tribal nation for retail sale**

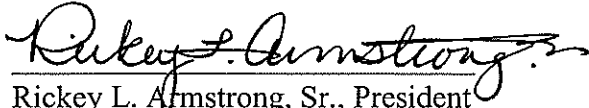
Dear Senator Hinchey and Assemblywoman Lupardo,

On behalf of the Seneca Nation, I write to express the Nation's support for bill S.7295/A.7375 concerning sale of cannabis and cannabis products to retail facilities licensed by Native Nations. We appreciate your initiative on this issue and your choice to sponsor the bill, which will benefit our Native communities and allow us to continue diversifying our Nation economy.

In particular, we appreciate the bill's recognition of Native Nation sovereignty. The bill acknowledges that Native Nations are self-governing and are currently regulating their own cannabis industry. We believe that this bill reflects the type of common sense partnership between sovereigns by allowing Native Nation-regulated retailers to purchase cannabis and cannabis products that otherwise may be wasted or otherwise diverted for uses inconsistent with New York law.

Again, we commend you for your choice to sponsor S.7295/A.7375, and we strongly urge the New York State Legislature to pass this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr., President  
Seneca Nation