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Also, forgot to mention that we will schedule another all hands call in the future to discuss.

From: McKinley, Lila

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2026 11:10 AM

To: DCP-DL Cannabis@ct.gov <DCP-DLCannabisDivision@ct.gov>

Subject: Cannabis Compact

Importance: High

Hi!

For those of you who missed our all call yesterday, the governor's office has signed a cannabis compact with the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe. I have attached a copy of the compact as well as a copy of the press release below. It is anticipated that OTG will make the announcement at around 3 p.m. and we will inform industry shortly beforehand. Please keep this confidential until the press release goes out to the public.

I apologize for the short notice, but we were not given a ton of notice from OTG and that office was primarily responsible for negotiating the compact.

The communications team has put together a FAQ page and will be forwarding talking points as well. It is not anticipated that the tribe will commence operations any time soon, so we should have time to discuss all the nuances and implications for our licensees as well as work with our licensees on implementation.

Thank you,

Lila

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Subject: Can you please send this?

Importance: High

Hi! Can you send the below to the following suffixes as soon as possible? Thank you!

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ACBR
ACDS
ACFB
ACKE
ACME
ACPM
ACPP
ACTP
AMHF

ACTL
MMDF
MMDR
MMPR
ACCE

Dear licensees,

Soon, the Office of the Governor will be releasing the below press release. We are providing an advance copy for your awareness and ask that you please not distribute the release further until it is formally sent out by the Office of the Governor later this morning.

I understand that many of you may have questions about the compact itself as well as how it may impact your business or the state's cannabis industry. We remain committed to providing as much information as we are able, and will be happy to answer your questions.

As always I can be reached at Lila.Mckinley@ct.gov or you can contact DCP.Cannabis@ct.gov.

Governor Lamont and Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation Sign Historic Cannabis Compact

The compact creates framework for Mashantucket Pequot Tribe to establish and regulate its own cannabis industry on tribal land, and access existing state cannabis market

HARTFORD — Governor Ned Lamont and Rodney Butler, chairman of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe, today announced they have signed Connecticut's first tribal-state cannabis compact. The new compact recognizes the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe's regulation of its own cannabis industry on tribal lands and allows for participation in the Connecticut market by selling to and buying from state licensees.

The [Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis Act](#), passed in June 2021, allows the Governor of Connecticut to enter into a compact with the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe, the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, or both. This agreement coordinates state and tribal rules about possessing, producing, delivering, processing, and using cannabis.

The Mashantucket Pequot Tribe, a sovereign nation, also enacted in 2021 the "Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation Cannabis Regulatory Act" to comprehensively regulate the cannabis industry on Tribal Lands.

The Tribe has not yet authorized any adult-use cannabis businesses, but the compact will allow any future tribal-licensed cannabis businesses to access the state's licensed production, wholesale and distribution chain and to transact business with state licensees.

"We have enjoyed a long-standing positive relationship with the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe, built on respect for tribal sovereignty," said **Gov. Ned Lamont**. "Together, we recognized the need for cooperation and collaboration with regard to cannabis regulation in the state and on Tribal Lands. This collaborative effort ensures public health and safety remains the top priority, provides clarity concerning criminal and civil enforcement, and creates a framework that respects tribal jurisdiction while allowing increased participation in the state's adult-use cannabis market."

“This compact marks yet another milestone in the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe’s exercise of its sovereignty and self-determination,” said **Mashantucket Pequot Chairman Rodney Butler**. “It strengthens our government-to-government partnership with the State of Connecticut, and opens the door to future commerce between tribally-licensed cannabis businesses and state licensees.”

“DCP looks forward to working with the Tribe and any future Tribal-licensed cannabis entities to ensure public health and safety in the marketplace,” said **DCP Commissioner Bryan T. Cafferelli**.

The compact is an agreement between only the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the State of Connecticut.

The new compact covers:

- How criminal and civil cannabis laws are enforced
- Rules for possessing, producing, delivering, processing, or using cannabis
- Tax laws and regulations related to cannabis
- How the tribe will protect public health and safety and ensure security at cannabis facilities on tribal land (such as production, processing, testing, or retail sites)
- Regulate cannabis-related business that moves between tribal land and other areas of the state

A [summary of the Compact](#) and [answers to frequently asked questions](#) are available at ct.gov/Cannabis. A copy of the signed compact is attached and available at ct.gov/Cannabis.

For additional [information about state-tribal compacts](#), view our informational article.