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NEUTRAL, WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

**TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS
HB 2184**

Dear Chairman Barker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Russell Brien and I am outside counsel to Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (the “Nation”)

The Nation takes no position on whether or not the State of Kansas should legalize medical cannabis. However, to the extent that medical cannabis is legalized in the State of Kansas, the Nation supports inclusion of language in the applicable legislation which would facilitate transactions among growers, processors, and retailers licensed by the State of Kansas and those licensed by the Nation. Further, the Nation supports inclusion of language in the applicable legislation which would extend the various protections for registered patients to include those patients who purchase directly from retailers licensed by the Nation. The Nation also notes that it may be useful to explore a compact between the Nation and the State of Kansas to address these issues.

If the Committee is interested in seeing proposed language to accomplish these suggestions, the Nation is happy to provide such language to the Committee.

Please feel free to contact me (913.205.7513) or Brad Smoot (785.233.0016), the Nation’s Legislative Counsel, with any additional questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Russell A. Brien