



*Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians*

*Executive Branch of Tribal Government  
Office of the Chief Executive*

*Via E-mail*

Virgil Wind, Chief Executive  
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Eric Taubel, Director  
Office of Cannabis Management  
P.O. Box 64034  
St. Paul, MN 55164

Re: Consultation Request Regarding the Office of Cannabis Management's (OCM) Legislative Proposal to Streamline the Cannabis Market Supply Chain

Dear Director Eric Taubel:

The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe to formally requests consultation with the OCM regarding its legislative proposal to streamline the State's adult-use and medical cannabis supply chains. I understand the OCM's statutory obligation to develop a legislative proposal for the 2026 Legislative Session to address a combined medical and adult-use market. However, the proposal's recommendation to transition the existing medical cannabis combination business license to a new license raises significant concerns as to how such a change will impact the market as it was envisioned under the original law. The proposed changes would substantially impact the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe's cannabis businesses, as the vast majority its business occurs within the State market.

I look forward to engaging in meaningful consultation to discuss these concerns. Please reach out to Darla Roache, at [Darla.Roache2@millelacsband.com](mailto:Darla.Roache2@millelacsband.com), from my office to coordinate a meeting time and place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Virgil Wind", written over a horizontal line.

Virgil Wind  
Chief Executive  
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe