



Judiciary Committee Public Hearing

Monday, March 21, 2016

Testimony in Support of

**SB 432 AA Validating Marriages Celebrated at the Mashantucket Pequot Reservation and
the Mohegan Reservation**

On behalf of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, we would like to express our appreciation to the Judiciary Committee for raising SB 432 that updates and clarifies Connecticut's statutes as they relate to marriage on Tribal lands. We have been working with the Department of Health and, consulting with the Attorney General's office in addition to representatives of the Judiciary Committee, in the development of new language which we will submit to the Committee shortly for consideration.

Many thanks for the opportunity to comment.