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**THANK YOU, NEW YORK!
THE OFFICE OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT
CELEBRATES \$1 BILLION IN CANNABIS RETAIL
SALES WITH HISTORIC PRESS CONFERENCE**

*New York's Cannabis Cultivators, Processors, Distributor, Retailors, and
Microbusinesses Drive Market to \$1 Billion*

*Empire State Plaza and Alfred E. Smith Building Lit Green in Honor of
Industry Success*

ALBANY, NY – Yesterday, The New York State Office of Cannabis Management proudly celebrated a historic milestone: the cannabis industry surpassing \$1 billion in retail sales, with nearly 300 dispensaries now open statewide. This landmark achievement, celebrated at the Million Dollar Stairs at the State Capitol, highlights New York’s dedication to building an equitable and sustainable cannabis market, empowering local entrepreneurs, and uplifting communities across the state.

To commemorate this extraordinary accomplishment, the Empire State Plaza and Alfred E. Smith Building was illuminated in green on the evening of January 28, 2025. This symbolic event honors the growth and success of New York’s cannabis market and the strong support of New Yorkers who continue to embrace the legal industry. Thank you to our incredible community for helping make this achievement possible.

“The successes we are seeing with legalized adult-use cannabis sales has truly been a collaborative effort,” **said Assembly Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes**. “Recognizing the need to put equity and inclusion at the forefront of this mission and seeing the businesses being created and lives changed for the better, because of those initiatives, should make us all proud.”

“When the MRTA passed years ago, \$1 billion in cannabis sales was only a goal - today it is a reality,” **said Senator Jeremy Cooney, Chair of the Senate subcommittee on cannabis**. “While we celebrate this important milestone, we must also take note of the work that still lies ahead and continue our pursuit towards a thriving, equitable marketplace here in New York.”

"We, you, me, all of us who celebrate this achievement—have shown New York, and the nation, what is possible when people face their past to build their future, and when we prioritize homegrown ingenuity and innovation in industry.” **said Felicia A. B. Reid, Acting Executive Director of The New York State Office of Cannabis Management**. Reid From the Bronx to Buffalo, Plattsburgh to Poughkeepsie, and Islip to Ithaca, the regulated cannabis industry reflects New York values. Together, we are building something precious and unprecedented—an industry that not only acknowledges the past but actively works to create a more just and equitable future."

See photos from the [Press Conference and Lighting here](#).

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