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SAFE Glen Cove Coalition Makes Parents Aware- Punchbar Edibles Expanding to NY Legal Adult-Use Cannabis Market

Punch Edibles & Extracts (Punch Edibles), announced its expansion into the compliant adult-use cannabis market in New York. The legacy brand's hard-hitting Punch Gummies are now available on the east coast and the iconic Punch Bar Chocolates will be launching in the state later this year.

Punch Edibles first gained notoriety on the west coast for developing the famed Punch Bar, a high-dose chocolate edible. The Punch Bar comes in a variety of flavors, features minimal calories and sugar, and has become well-known in the cannabis industry. Originating in California, Punch Edibles launched in 2013 as a Proposition 215 operator and transferred over into the adult-use market in 2018 when licensing became available in Los Angeles. Punch Edibles continues to be one of the only self-funded multi-state operators, expanding distribution into Oklahoma and now New York.

The company claims in 2013 the edibles market was lacking a product that was flavorful, size appropriate, potent, and most importantly, consistent. After months of hard work, the Punch Bar was developed. Punch Edibles was born on the idea of providing a sensibly sized, high-dose adult edible. It portends that Patients could enjoy their medicine with great flavor, minimal calories and sugar, all in a consistent and safe way. Since launching 10 years ago, Punch Edibles has grown tremendously-especially with youth. The flavorful edibles, pre-rolls, vapes and concentrates, making them quite appealing to teens as they often use THC and tobacco products concurrently packing a double "punch"??!! Smoking/vaping of all kinds of products ie: THC and Nicotine is extremely harmful to our youth.

Samantha O'Donnell, Punch Edibles & Extracts Co-Owner and CFO said "Punch products have been a beloved staple in the California cannabis market over the last 10 years, and we are thrilled to bring our reliable, potent, health-conscious treats to one of the greatest cities on earth," said Ad from Almond Board of California AI-Powered Snacking Insights for 2024. The company offers a full range of Certified Kosher products including chocolates, gummies, malt balls, fruit snacks, cookie delights, pre-rolls, and top-tier solventless vapes and live rosin. Handcrafted with simple, delicious ingredients, Punch Edibles' New York product SKUs include Punch Gummies – They are available in 5 sugar-coated flavor combos including Blueberry Lemonade, Tropical Punch, Peach Mango, Cherry Limeade, and Kiwi Strawberry (100mg THC). Punch Bar Original Chocolates – Coming soon and will be available in 8 flavors including Raspberry, Caramel

Bits, Milk, Toffee, Mint, Almond, Sea Salt, and S'mores (100mg THC). Punch Bar Cream Chocolates will soon be available in three flavors including Strawberry Cheesecake, Key Lime Pie, and Cookies n' Cream (100mg THC).

Andrew O'Donnell, Punch Edibles & Extracts Founder and CEO was quoted as saying "Our Punch Bar and Punch Gummies are broken up into 10 bite-sized portions dosed at 10mgs each, giving users in New York control and relief as they experiment with edibles for medical or adult-use. The New York selection of Punch Gummies is now available instore at legal dispensaries throughout the state including Good Grades, Housing Works, Union Square Travel Agency, Dazed, Smacked, William Jane, Just Breathe, Upstate Canna Co., and with the option of delivery through Legacy Dispensers. Punch Edibles will be adding more store locations soon and plans to launch Punch Bar Chocolates in late Q4.

According to SAFE, the best method of protecting is prevention education, incorporate the use of environmental strategies and encouraging a goal to "Live SAFE" and substance free while changing the societal norms regarding these products to help curb youth initiation and a lifelong addiction.

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SAFE, Inc. is the only alcohol and substance abuse prevention, intervention, and education agency in the City of Glen Cove. The Coalition is concerned about all combustible and electronic products with marijuana and tobacco. The Agency is employing environmental strategies to educate and update the community regarding the negative consequences in collaboration with Carol Meschkow, Manager- Tobacco Action Coalition of Long Island. To learn more about the SAFE Glen Cove Coalition please follow www.facebook.com/safeglencovecoalition or to learn more about electronic products visit the Vaping Facts and Myths Page of SAFE's website to learn more about how vaping is detrimental to your health www.safeglencove.org.