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Passing LD 2004 will start putting the tribes and rural Maine on a path to prosperity. Since signing the Lands Claims settlement in 1980, approximately 151 federal laws have been passed that the tribes are not eligible to benefit from. Many of these laws would not only benefit the tribes but the surrounding rural areas. Without access to federal funding that helps everyone else, the tribes' self-determination and economic vitality have been stunted. Allowing access to federal beneficial laws will not only benefit the tribes but rural Maine. This legislation changes a provision in the Settlement Act that would at least begin the process of placing the tribes in Maine on the same footing as the other 570 federally recognized tribes.