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To: Chairs Carney and Moonen, and members of the Committee on Judiciary  
Re: LD 2004 An Act to Restore Access to Federal Laws Beneficial to the Wabanaki Nations

There is no reason on earth why the Indigenous people of Maine should be excluded from the benefits meant for them, and no reason that they should be treated differently from the other 570 Federally recognized tribes.

I write in wholehearted support of this act because it is long overdue. We must undo the error and injustice of the last 43 years, during which Wabanaki tribes and nations have been wrongfully denied what belongs to them by virtue of the trust relationship between the Federal Government and Indian Country. Please vote unanimously Ought to Pass!