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My name is Rev. Hillary Collins-Gilpatrick, and I serve as the Minister of First Universalist Church in Yarmouth. I am a Brunswick resident and a life long Mainer. Please release the Wabanaki Tribes of the burden of the 1980 Settlement act and grant them the same federally recognized footing that 570 tribes across the United States are given. This legislative change is embarrassingly overdue, and is supported enthusiastically amongst Maine residents and bipartisan leaders. The tribes in our state have long suffered restricted access to basic needs and a quality of life that enables them to thrive. The 1980 Settlement act has only furthered these restrictions and excluded tribe members from over 150 federal laws that would enhance their safety, health, and dignity.

LD 2004 is an opportunity to amend this unsound and indefensible history that continues to this day. If you support the livelihoods and well-being of Mainers then you must support all Mainers - and that most certainly includes the Wabanaki.

In peace, hope, and progress,  
Rev. Hillary Collins-Gilpatrick