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I am a resident of Swanville, Meredith Bruskin, FNP and I am writing in support of LD 2004. This act will not change the Settlement Act of the 1980's, but will at least begin the process of putting Maine's Tribes on an equal footing with the 570 other federally recognized tribes--a sign that we value our Tribes overall health and look to their success, financially, which will actually help all of rural Maine, as has been shown by recent studies. There is no excuse for all federally recognized tribes to have grown economically by 66% over the past decades, and Maine's Tribes remain at 9 % growth, as this is clearly attributed to Maine's Tribes not having access to federal law changes and benefits --this Act will be a step in righting this grave wrong. Thank you for y our support.