

Shemaya Laurel
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LD 1970

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Shemaya Laurel and I live in Gouldsboro. I am writing in support of LD 1970, An Act to Enact the Maine Indian Child Welfare Act.

For all the evidence-based reasons that you have heard about already, this act is important to the well-being of Indigenous children in Maine, as well as to their families and communities. Staying connected with family and culture is crucial to well-being.

Maine must rely on having its own sturdy legislation in support of ICWA, in case something changes at the federal level. I hope that you will pass this bill, LD 1970, with your full support. It is crucial.

Sincerely,
Shemaya Laurel