Renee Igo Hartford LD 2007

Sen. Carney, Rep. Moonen, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

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Re: Support for LD 2007, An Act to Advance Self-determination for Wabanaki Nations

Sen. Carney, Rep. Moonen and members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Renee Igo and I live in Hartford, Maine. I am submitting testimony in support of LD 2007.

Our state government is long overdue to restore the inherent rights of the Wabanaki to self-determination. This bill will not harm white descendants of colonizers -- in fact, it will benefit them. When the Wabanaki thrive, we all thrive. We need to offer the tribes who have called this place home for millennia the same rights and opportunities as the 570 other tribes in what we call the USA. The tribes have asked for support, so let us take this opportunity to begin to right some of the many wrongs our state government has done to them.

Thank you for your consideration.