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

From: MS Willow Embry, 140 Maple Ave, Farmington, Maine 04938

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

Dear Sen. Carney, Rep. Moonen, and members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Willow Embry and I live in Farmington, Maine. I am asking you to support the passage of LD 2007.

Passing LD 2007 is all about fairness and equity.

Due to restrictions imposed by the 1980 Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act (MICSA), the Wabanaki Nations have been kept from achieving the significant economic growth experienced by the other 570 federal tribes over the past 40 years who've had full access to federal policies of self-determination. Removing those obstacles would help the Wabanaki Nations take advantage of federal self-determination policies, programs, and funding that elsewhere in Indian Country led to the creation of thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars in goods and services produced by Native businesses

Can you put yourself in the position of the Wabanaki people? Can you imagine being denied your original sovereignty by your oppressors in 2024?

Respectfully submitted,
Willow Embry
Farmington, Maine