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LD 2007

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

From: Lelania Avila, PO Box 1127, Northeast Harbor, Maine 04662

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 Lelania Avila and I live in Mount Desert. I am writing to testify in  
support of LD 2007.

I'm sure that you're getting many letters of support for LD 2007, I want to add my  
voice to that chorus. In conversations with community members, I only hear of people  
wishing to support the Wabanaki. I hear lots of bafflement over Governor Mills' veto,  
and Senator King's opposition to the legislation Rep. Jared Golden sponsored in  
Congress. As voters, we are looking for candidates/representatives that will prioritize  
Wabanaki support.

Every day I consider the wellbeing of the members of the Wabanaki Tribal Nations. I  
recognize that when the Wabanaki (and other Indigenous people of the Earth) thrive,  
all of humanity and other planetary beings will thrive as well. Passing this bill is one  
small step that we can take to take better care of each other.

Thank you for considering my testimony. Please do all you can to pass LD 2007 into  
law.

Sincerely,

Lelania Avila  
Mount Desert, Maine