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LD 2007

Testimony in support of LD 2007 An Act to Advance Self-determination for Wabanaki Nations. To: Sen. Carney, Rep. Moonen, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Robert Sezak and I live in Fairfield. I am a life-long Maine citizen and a small business owner.

I support passage of LD 2007 to bring fairness, justice and further the economic well-being while advancing the self-determination of the Wabanaki .

The passage of LD 207 will enhance and improve the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act by restoring to the tribes the many rights, privileges, and duties, along with powers and immunities that federally recognized Indian tribes now enjoy. This would allow greater federal support of the Maine tribes, recognizing federal Indian law to govern the rights, privileges, powers, duties, and immunities of Maine's tribe, nations, and band. These enhancements and improvements will benefit all Mainers, further improving our economic and domestic well-being while providing for stronger self-determination for all while encouraging entrepreneurship, job creation, community development initiatives, as well as collaboration and partnerships with the local and statewide government and business communities.

Please vote for passage of LD 2007 to place the tribes of Maine on equal footing with the tribes already recognized by the federal government. This bill is a key step to allow the Wabanaki Nations the right to make decisions about their own governance, culture, and resources. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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