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I strongly encourage you to pass LD 2007 to recognize the sovereignty of the Wabanaki tribes in Maine. The restrictions that have been imposed on tribal sovereignty have negatively impacted the tribes in substantial ways. Having access to the rights that all other sovereign tribal nations that are federally recognized tribes hold would enable us to begin to address systematic issues such as poverty for the tribes. Studies have shown that recognizing our sovereignty would be beneficial for all Mainers. I strongly encourage you to pass this bill so the tribes can access funding for critically needed funding and services that would impact the health and lives of thousands of Wabanaki tribal members.