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LD 2007

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

From: Lisa J. Munderback, 23 Coach Road, S. Portland, ME 04106

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  
Lisa Munderback and I live in South Portland. I am testifying in support of LD 2007.

I have extended family who are members of the Penobscot Nation, so the bill before  
you today is of great importance to me.

As you know, this bill would implement many of the 22 consensus recommendations  
reached by a bipartisan task force in 2020 tasked to review the law's effectiveness.  
The recommendations cover tribal court jurisdiction; hunting, fishing and natural  
resource regulation on tribal land; taxation authority; and trust land acquisition. The  
changes would bring the rights and authority of all four Wabanaki Nations  
(Passamaquoddy Tribe, Penobscot Nation, Mi'kmaq Nation, and Houlton Band of  
Maliseet Indians) in line with the other 570 federally recognized tribes in the United  
States.

I believe that self-determination for the indigenous peoples of Maine is critical for  
equity and justice.

I urge you to pass LD2007.

Thank you.