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Dear Judiciary Committee members,

As a Maine resident who spent my career teaching children and adults about Maine's natural history and cultural heritage, and their many intersections, I believe with all my heart that it is high time this bill pass to give the Wabanaki Nations the self-determination they rightfully deserve.

We are a state that prides itself on fairness, justice, and the beauty of our landscapes and traditions, and as a citizen who does not want to be a silent witness to hamstringing these rights for a day longer than necessary, I urge you all to vote for this bill and restore dignity, appreciation and self-determination to the Wabanaki Nations.