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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

From: Kristin L. Yeager, 322 McLain Road, Liberty, Maine

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and members of the Judiciary  
Committee,

My name is Kristin Yeager and I live in the town of Liberty in Waldo County. My wife and I own and operate a small family farmstead at our home here in Liberty. We're active foragers and hikers and we spend as much time as possible outdoors in this beautiful place. I remind myself daily that I am but a steward of this land, which is the ancestral land of the tribes of the Wabanaki confederacy. I am writing to testify in support of LD 2007.

The indigenous tribes of Maine deserve the same recognition the other 570 federal tribes in the United States receive. Indigenous nations, and indeed the Wabanaki Nation, have an inherent right to self-determination and Maine laws need to catch up.

Mainers are becoming more and more aware that we are indeed on native land and we must do more than just acknowledge this truth. We must stand for native sovereignty.

Thank you for your time. I have faith things are changing for the better for Wabanaki citizens, and all of Maine will be better for it.

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