Kiarna Boyd Rockland LD 2007

To: Sen. Carney, Rep. Moonen, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary [5]

From: Kiarna Boyd, 226 Main Street Rockland Maine 04841 [SEP]

Re: Support for LD 2007, An Act to Advance Self-determination for Wabanaki Nations

Intro: Sen. Carney, Rep. Moonen and members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Kiarna Boyd and I live in Rockland. I am here to testify in support of LD 2007.

Testimony: As Maine faces new challenges concerning natural resources, food systems, clean water, and climate change, the Wabanaki Nations are the correct leaders and innovators to turn to for solutions. Acknowledging their ancestral authority and expertise over the land we call Maine and their inherent right to self-govern will undoubtedly be beneficial for everyone living in the state. Throughout the country, First Nations lead initiatives have brought economic benefits, land rehabilitation, community building, and spiritual nourishment to everyone involved. I urge you to support the Wabanaki Nations and LD 2007.

Closing: Thank you for the opportunity to publicly voice my support for the Wabanaki Nations' right to self determination.