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LD 2007

I am writing to urge support of LD 2007. Maine remains the only state in the nation that doesn't extend recognition to its federally recognized tribes, known collectively as Wabnaki Nations.

The 2022 study by Harvard Kennedy School concluded that restricted sovereignty since 1980 has severely hampered economic development for the tribes in Maine and for the surrounding non-tribal rural areas. For this reason as well as for fairness, equity and self-determination for Wabnaki people please support LD 2007.