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LD 2007

Sen. Carney, Rep. Moonen and members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Dr. William A. Wood, and I live in Bangor. I'm an otolaryngologist. My wife (a clinical psychologist) and I, and our two college-aged children, all want to communicate to the Committee our support of LD 2007.

This issue fundamentally deals with basic equity and fairness. The Wabanaki Nations should have the same access to federal self-determination policies, programs, and funding present elsewhere in Indian Country.

As a physician, I treat numerous patients who are members of the Wabanaki Nations. Their health, as is true for all populations, would significantly improve with improved economic development and reduced poverty. LD 2007 would help our Maine Native community succeed and thrive, as many tribal communities outside of Maine have done in recent decades.

New jobs created by tribal self governance would also help other non-native rural Mainers -- additional neighbors of ours.

Please support and pass LD 2007.