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LD 2007

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and all members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Elizabeth Schaab and I live in Monroe Maine.

I am a retired teacher, mother and grandmother. I am writing to testify in strong support of LD2007.

My husband and I moved to Maine forty five years ago to raise our children, and to watch five of our grandchildren grow up in Maine with Maine principles.

When I first moved here I thought the 'Indians' in Maine were long gone. Ignorance is something I have worked against for decades raising my family and in education.

So to make a long journey through my study of the native people in the US short I believe LD2007 needs to pass now. (I assume you know the the benefits it would provide for all Mainer as shown by the Harvard Report) It is long overdue to allow the Wabanaki tribes to receive all the national benefits the tribes out west receive.

As a teacher it would be good to tell our children the history of the Wabanaki in Maine and how we, in 2024, have righted this wrong.

The children of Maine would be proud to have this happen on their watch. As it could on yours.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony and all the work you do.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Schaab