

**Testimony in support of LD 2007, *An Act to Advance Self-determination for Wabanaki Nations***

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Elizabeth Hayes and I live in Mercer. I am an organic farmer who cares deeply about the environment, the ecosystems we share, and about truth and reconciliation with our collective history. We must acknowledge and reconcile the history of this place we call Maine. I am writing to testify in support of LD 2007.

I recognize the inherent right of the Wabanaki Nations in Maine to self-govern, as all other federally recognized tribes in the United States are able to do under Federal Indian Law. Passage of LD 2007 is about fairness and equity. Please support this bill and know that Mainers want to see the legislature working in a good faith partnership with the Wabanaki tribes.

Thank you.  
Elizabeth Hayes  
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