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LD 2007

To the Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I write to express my strong support for LD 2007. I am sure that the Members are aware of the excellent 2022 Harvard Kennedy School and Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation report which demonstrates with such clarity how the 1980 Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act has had profound and negative economic impacts on Maine tribes compared to other Indigenous communities around the nation. As a long-time resident of Bangor, I recognize that it is on all of our best interest to help our neighbors in the Penobscot Nation thrive. LD 2007 would be a strong first step towards that goal by removing one of the major barriers to the tribes' self-determination and economic growth. I urge you to support this bill.  
Thank you.