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I am writing in support of LD 2007. I feel lucky that when I first moved to Maine, I met people who pointed out which roads were paved on top of pre-European Wabanaki trails, and how to spot signs of this long history, like the shell middens, and sometimes stands of white oak. Yet it is important to note that the people telling me this were themselves white descendants of settlers, and not Wabanaki people. For too long Wabanaki people have been silenced and isolated from conversations happening in and about their homeland. I want to live in a state where Wabanaki people are the strongest voice on Wabanaki issues. I see self-governance as essential to that work. Please support this bill.