

February 24, 2024

RE: LD 2007, An Act to Advance Self-determination for Wabanaki Nations

Dear Legislators,

I support LD 2007 because it benefits not only the Wabanaki Nations, but also all Mainers. A rising tide lifts all ships, and stunting the development of the Wabanaki Nations is to put unnecessary and unfair limits on people who interact in our community. Community health (economic, healthcare, ecological) goes hand in hand with the ability to self-govern when it comes to First Nations who have the benefit of being fully recognized federally. Other tribes and nations who are federally recognized have access to programs policy, and funding that the Wabanaki Nations do not have access to. We should no longer limit the potential of our neighbors. When they prosper, we, too, prosper. I stand with the Wabanaki Nations, and support LD 2007.

Sincerely,

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