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LD 2007

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

To: Sen. Carney, Rep. Moonen, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on
Judiciary

From: Suzi Pond, 54 Lower Flying Point Rd. Freeport, ME 04032 Redbird Media
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Dear Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and members of the Judiciary
Committee, my name is Suzi Pond and I live Freeport, Maine. I am the Founder of
Redbird Media Group, a certified B Corp video production company committed to
amplifying the voices of organizations dedicated to positive social and environmental
impact. I am writing to testify in support of LD 2007.

As a mother and leader of Redbird Media Group, a B Corp Certified, purpose-driven
business, I believe that Maine's business community has a specific responsibility to
advocate in support of LD 2007 to offset the specific harms of Maine's 1980
Settlement Act and to re-establish a functional and working partnership with the
Wabanaki people.

This bill will help create regenerative opportunities for future generations and
improve access to economic, health and educational opportunities with fewer barriers.
I ask that you listen, hear and recognize the effects that current policies continue to
wage on Wabanaki land, families and communities and recognize that tribal
self-governance is a basic human right.

It is time to act. It is time to do the right thing.

Thank you.