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> My name is Paul Forman and I live in Albion. I'm writing in support of LD 2007.
> The Wabanaki tribes in Maine are treated differently than the other 570 federally recognized tribes across the country. Because of the 1980 Settlement Act, when Congress passes federal legislation for tribes nationwide, the tribes in Maine must be explicitly written into the legislation unlike the other federally recognized tribes. This is an excessive burden to the tribes. They do not have the resources to track all federal legislation and lobby Congress to have them included in each piece of legislation. > This legislation doesn't circumvent the 1980's Settlement Act. This legislation changes a provision in the Settlement Act that would at least begin the process of placing the tribes in Maine on the same footing as the other 570 federally recognized tribes. Please support LD 2007 to start putting the tribes and rural Maine on a path to prosperity.