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LD 2007

I am writing to testify in support of SD 2007.

My name is Karen Taylor. I am a retired teacher and have lived in Maine on Peaks Island for 45 years. For many reasons, I love the State of Maine and am proud to tell friends that I live here. But I must admit that I am ashamed of the fact that our native Americans, the Wabanaki, have so long been held back from the development and relative prosperity guaranteed other tribes in our country by the restrictions in the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act. We can and must do better! I urge you to pass LD 2007 and restore tribal self-governance to the Wabanaki to give them greater access to federal programs, policies and funding and thus a greater chance for economic growth.