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LD 2007

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Allen Armstrong. I'm a resident of Portland and am testifying in support of LD 2007, An Act to Advance Self Determination for Wabanaki Nations.

I'm a member of First Parish in Portland, UU, and follow the Unitarian Universalist faith tradition, which affirms and promotes justice, equity and compassion in human relations, and the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

I support LD 2007 becoming law because I believe that the 1980 settlement implementing act, which it would amend, has put the Wabanaki tribes in a category separate from all other federally recognized tribes, and has stifled the Tribes' right to self-determination. This has caused cultural and economic hardship.

For this reason, I believe the state of Maine has a moral imperative to help restore the Wabanaki peoples' sovereignty and right to self-determination, and urge you to vote 'Ought to Pass' on LD 2007.

Thank you!

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