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LD 2007

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

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

Intro: Sen. Carney, Rep. Moonen and members of the Judiciary Committee, my name
is Sallie Crittendon, and I live in Norway. I am a member of the First Universalist
Church of Norway and

I am writing to testify in support of LD 2007.

Testimony:

The Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act of 1980 was never
understood to be a static document. It was meant to grow a relationship between the
State of Maine and the Wabanaki Nations.

Today, adhering to that document, and denying the bipartisan recommendations to
improve it, disables the most vulnerable Mainers, and prevents them from taking part
in the economic boon that has existed for Indian Country throughout the rest of the
United States. Restricting that document from growing as was intended, makes Maine
look like an ignorant, and racist state.

Voting with the Act to Advance Self-Determination for Wabanaki Nations is inline
with the bipartisan recommendations of the 2020 Task Force on Changes to the Maine
Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act. It's time the Wabanaki received justice
in this matter.

In closing, I Thank the committee members and encourage them to vote ought to pass
on the Act to Advance Self-determination for Wabanaki Nations.