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

My name is Nikki Williams and I live in Portland. I am a workforce and economic development professional and writing in support of LD 2007.

Passing LD 2007 is all about fairness and equity. Due to restrictions imposed by the 1980 Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act (MICSA), the Wabanaki Nations have been kept from achieving the significant economic growth experienced by the other 570 federal tribes over the past 40 years who've had full access to federal policies of self-determination. Removing those obstacles would help the Wabanaki Nations take advantage of federal self-determination policies, programs and funding that elsewhere in Indian Country led to the creation of thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars in goods and services produced by Native businesses.

I urge you to support this legislation.

Sincerely,
Nikki