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Dear Members of Maine's esteemed Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in support of Wabanaki Sovereignty yet again this session. Thank you for your support of Wabanaki Sovereignty the past several sessions where you all brought it to the floor!

It is embarrassing the full Maine legislature, not the Executive branch, has not yet honored and recognized the inherit sovereignty of Wabanaki people, communities and Tribes in our own laws. We are already the last in the nation to do so...I am sure, you too wonder, how long will it take to honor the sovereignty and inherent rights of the people who have loved and protected the lands we all live on for over 12,000 years?

Please pass LD 2007, this year's tribal sovereignty bill, again, so that the full legislative bodies can take another year's vote on the issue and with some luck and perhaps some additional reflection, join the rest of the nation in recognizing and honoring the tribal sovereignty of the First Nations people of this place we now call Maine, the Wabanaki peoples.

With gratitude,

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