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LD 2007

I'm writing to implore the legislature pass LD 2007. Wabanaki nations deserve to have the same self-governance rights afforded to other federally recognized tribes. It is completely unjust and shameful that the state of Maine has not recognized these rights, rights that have existed before the founding of the state of Maine itself. Not only is passing LD 2007 the morally correct course of action, but doing so would benefit the entire state of Maine. By giving Wabanaki nations equal access to federal programs and economic opportunities other tribes possess, LD 2007 can lead to socioeconomic benefits for Wabanaki people and other Mainers as well. Please make the moral and logical choice and pass LD 2007.