Asherah Cinnamon LIMINGTON LD 2007

Testimony in Favor of LD 2007 regarding Wabanaki Self Determination To: Sen. Carney, Rep. Moonen, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary From: Asherah Cinnamon, 88A Millturn Rd, Limington 04049. Re: Support for LD 2007, An Act to Advance Self-determination for Wabanaki Nations

Dear Sen. Carney, Rep. Moonen and members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Asherah Cinnamon and I live in Limington. I am writing to testify in support of LD 2007.

I am a child of Survivors of the Nazi Holocaust in Europe. My few surviving family members were uprooted and robbed of all they had. We moved often, even after we came to the USA when I was 5 years old. I arrived in Maine when I was in my 20's. The woods and rivers were the first place I felt I had a real home.

As a resident and property owner in Limington, and other parts of Maine, since the early 1980's, I treasure all that we have here. To learn that the land I treasure was stolen by an earlier genocide, has been heartbreaking ever since.

PLEASE take this important step to right the wrongs that came before. THIS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

Furthermore, research has proven clearly that in every State in which Indigenous tribes have been granted Self Determination, which should be every citizen's right, not only have local tribes flourished, but the towns and people living near and around them have improved financially and in many other ways.

Thank You All for your service to our beloved State of Maine