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Portland  
LD 2007

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

From: Becky McKinnell, 20 Pine Lane, Cumberland, Maine 04110

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

Sen. Carney, Rep. Moonen and members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is  
Becky McKinnell and I live in Cumberland. I am a business owner of iBec Creative, a  
digital agency headquartered in Portland. I am here to testify in support of LD 2007.

I recently attended the kick off for Businesses for Wabanaki Sovereignty at Patagonia  
in Freeport. I was made aware of this event through Maine B Corps, as iBec Creative  
is a Certified B Corp and attended to learn more about LD2007. I was surprised to  
learn about the restrictions imposed by the 1980 Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act  
(MICSA) and how 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. I am in  
support of LD2007 to remove those obstacles so 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

The Wabanaki Nations deserve fairness and equity.

Thank you.