

Bridgette Bartlett
Durham, ME.
LD 2007

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

From: Bridgette Bartlett, 243 Royalsborough Rd, Durham, 04222

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 Bridgette Bartlett and I live in Durham, ME. I am writing to testify in
support of LD 2007.

I live along the Androscoggin River in Androscoggin county. The name
Androscoggin is believed to have come from the Wabanaki and mean "a place to
smoke fish or meat near the falls". The land where I live and the falls that I pass on
my way to work are the traditional territory of the Wabanaki and that land was stolen
from them through violence and broken deeds.

In thinking about what can I do about a tragic history that still influences current
inequities, it makes sense to listen to those that have been most affected and support
them in their self-determination. For this reason when I saw that this bill was
supported by the Wabanaki Alliance and that the Wabanaki Alliance was asking
people to submit testimonies in support of LD 2007, it made sense to send my
support.

Thank you and please support LD 2007 to advance self-determination for Wabanaki
Nations.