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LD 2007

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

From: Lynn Hower Allen Rockland, 04841

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, I am
writing in support LD 2007.

Last March I travelled to the state house in order to hear the historic presentation to
the legislature by all Maine's tribal chiefs. It is a day I will long remember. I heard
them speaking with pride of their tribe's history and accomplishments; of their
contributions to this state and this country despite historic prejudice. I heard them
asking for respect, justice and opportunities long overdue.

I am frustrated by the impasse in our state over the right of Maine's indigenous people
to live their lives with the same rights and privileges as tribes throughout the rest of
the country.

The 1980 Indian Claims Settlement Act was just a start toward correcting all that has
been inflicted upon the Wabanaki these past hundreds of years. Maine's tribes have
been kept from achieving the economic growth experienced by the other 570 federal
tribes who've had full access to federal policies of self-determination over the past 40
years.

Please put an end to this impasse over tribal sovereignty.

Please pass LD 2007.

Many thanks for you time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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