Ridgely Fuller Belfast LD 2007

Esteemed Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am once again writing in support of Wabanaki sovereignty- LD 2007

and I fervently hope this time will be the last as the Maine legislature will finally be able to secure the rights due to our Wabanaki neighbors.

I am so disheartened that Maine continues to deny our federally recognized tribes the benefits ascribed to every other federally recognized tribe in the United States. In this denial we have shamefully prevented them from achieving the economic growth we have seen in the income of all the other tribes. Not only do we have no right to keep our tribes in comparative poverty but we have prevented their neighbors and the state of Maine from benefitting from the gains in income which federal laws could provide for the Wabanaki tribes.

Please rectify this grave injustice by supporting LD 2007 to the extent that we are finally able to override the govenor's veto.

Thank you. Sincerely, RidgelyFuller Belfast,ME