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I'm writing in support of LD 2007.

As a settler making my home on unceded Wabanaki territory, it's important that the tribes have the sovereignty they deserve and have a right to. We owe much of the beauty and abundant "resources" that have made Maine to the management and relationships of Wabanaki neighbors. Lands, waters, and people are healthier when cared for in traditional ways.

Poverty rates for children in Wabanaki communities compared to Maine child poverty rates alone are reason to pass this bill. The inequities are stark and the tribes should be able to take full advantage of federal self-determination policies that are very clearly benefiting 570 other tribes and nearby communities across the country.