

Testimony in support of LD 2007, *An Act to Advance Self-determination for Wabanaki Nations*

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

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Intro:

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Mark Whiting and I live in Ellsworth. I am a retired scientist and fly fisherman. I am writing to testify in support of LD 2007.

Testimony:

I support LD 2007 to advance civil rights, basic justice, and fairness. I think that the Indian Claims Settlement Act has been used to strip native people of their lands and inherent right to control their affairs and preserve their culture. I see the Settlement Act as another outrage in a long history of the dominant culture trying to erase minorities. I hate that Maine has done this.

Closing:

I applaud the Legislature's attempt to set things right. Please act to support the same rights to self-determination that other native people have in the United States. Thank you for your consideration.