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LD 2007

Senator Carey, Representative Harnett Mooney, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Philip Ptacin,

. I am a resident of Portland and I am testifying in support of LD 2007, An Act To Advance Self Determination for Wabanaki Nations.

I am a member of First Parish, a Unitarian Universalist church.

I believe LD 2007 should become law because the 1980 settlement implementing act, which it would amend, has put the Wabanaki tribes in a category separate from all other federally recognized tribes in the U.S. and has stifled the tribes right to self-determination, causing both cultural and economic hardship.

For these reasons, I believe Maine has a moral imperative to help restore the Wabanaki peoples' sovereignty and right to self determination..

I urge you to vote to pass Ought To Pass on LD 2007.

Thank you,

Philip Ptacin