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LD 2007

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 From: Jane Glennie Babbitt, 10 Cove Rd., Camden ME 04843

Intro:

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and members of the Judiciary
Committee, my name is Jane Babbitt and I live in Camden. A retired librarian, I am
writing to testify in support of LD 2007.

Testimony:

I grew up in Western New York on land taken from the Tuscarora Nation. I am aware
that the Wabanaki Nations in Maine are prevented from exercising their inherent right
to self govern, as all other federally recognized tribes in the United States are able to
do under Federal Indian Law, and I am appalled that this is the case. The Settlement
Acts are a shameful part of Maine's history, and it's time to repair the damage. LD
2007 isn't perfect, but it would be one step forward.

Closing:

Thank you for your attention to this issue, and please help bring Maine's tribes in line
with the other 570 federally recognized tribes in the United States.