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Good Morning Legislators and Staff members. My name is Walter Lewey Passamaquoddy native American and also a Committee member for the Sipayik Resilience Committee Group.

It is my Honor to testify today before this Committee on behalf of the Wabanaki Alliance. Wabanaki alliance mission is to support Bill LD 2007 to restore the inherent right of the Wabanaki Nations in Maine to self govern within their territories in accordance with the same Federal laws that govern Tribal lands elsewhere in the United States.

I am in favor of Bill LD 2007 and stand behind the Wabanaki Alliance, Wabanaki leaders, and citizens and a broad coalition of allied organizations, businesses and individuals are working to pass the importance of Bill LD 2007.

We are thankful for the continued support from Wabanaki Alliance in achieving the LD 2007 Bill. We look forward to working with the State of Maine legislators to make the right decision between the State of Maine and the Native Americans tribes. Wabanaki Alliance looks forward to the day when Native Communities are (Self-Governance) and we look forward to working with you to make this happen (Woliwon) Thank you...