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LD 2007

I urge the passage of LD 2007. We are all citizens of Maine, all human beings with hopes and gifts and needs, and all deserve to be included in a shared economic well-being. The Wabanaki are our siblings, yet have been excluded from full participation in economic decision making by the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act. Their exclusion has meant a restriction of self-determination and suppressed economic growth. That doesn't just affect the Indian nation; we are all members of the economy, and their well-being is part of ours. The most economically wise and morally justifiable course of action is to reverse that pattern. LD 2007 will move in that direction. I urge you to support it.