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LD 2007

Chair Carney, Chair Moonen and honorable members of the Judiciary Committee,  
My name is Phoebe Dolan, I live in Belfast Maine and I am a co-director of Maine Youth Power. Maine Youth Power is an inclusive movement of young Mainers building power to win human dignity, equity, access and a livable future by building power across rural and suburban Maine.

I ask that you to vote ought to pass on LD 2007: An Act to Advance Self-determination for Wabanaki Nations. Maine has spent far too long denying the Wabanaki people federal resources and recognition. Maine is a state with strong communities and we desire a future with secure resources, climate resilience, fairness and equity. As a young Mainer, I want to live in a state where we are all working as hard as we can to repair and pay reparations to Wabanaki people.

I want Maine to look back at this legislative session and think about how passing Wabanaki Sovereignty was the first step of a bold and intentional process to restore reparations across the state.

To the lawmakers of this committee and to Governor Janet Mills, young Mainers are watching your decision. I urge you to support LD 2007, self determination is owed to Wabanaki People.

Thank you for your time,  
Phoebe Dolan