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FROM: Diane Dicranian, 4 Mast Landing, Bath, ME Quaker representative to Maine Council of Churches, Ministry and Counsel, Midcoast Friends Meeting Damariscotta ME.

INTRO: Dear Senator Carney, Representative Moonan, and members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Diane Dicranian, I live in Bath and I am writing in support of LD 2007 because as the Quaker representative to The Council of Churches, I represent all Quakers in Maine in uniting for this bill to be passed.

TESTIMONY: Quakers believe in that of G-d in every being and person. This tribal sovereignty bill would not only put the Maine tribes on solid, self-determined economic footing for the tribes but for all of Maine. When the tribes thrive there is less draw on State resources and the entire state wins. Can we ever make up the past 40 years of unfairness, no. But we can start today by invoking the recommendations made to the State of Maine now, please vote for LD 2007, and make Maine a place where everyone truly is equal. As you are hearing in testimonial hearings, this is the will of most Mainers but definitely of Maine Quakers.

CLOSING: Thank you very much for taking the time to read the testimonies sent you, I hope it's a huge job. This has waited too long, the tribes have waited too long, please pass LD 2007 now. Thank you.

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