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Judiciary Committee
c/o Legislative Information Office 100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Re: Testimony in Support of LD 2007: Tribal Self-Determination

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Moonan and Distinguished
Members of the Judiciary Committee,

We write in support of LD 2007: Tribal Self-Determination,
understanding that this is a bill to restore full sovereignty for the
Wabanaki people and legally affirm their inherent right to self-
determination.

We realize that there is strength in working for a common future
with clean water and restored fisheries. We know that the successes
of the Penobscot River restoration work came about because of the
vision and advocacy of the Penobscot Indian Nation. The Houlton
Band of Maliseet Indians and the Passamaquoddy Tribal
Governments of Indian Township and Sipayik are leaders in efforts
to restore fish passage in their respective watersheds, the
Meduxnekeag and the Skutik/St Croix.

We understand that LD 2007 represents years of hard work and
includes a series of detailed recommendations from the 2020 tribal
commission. We ask you to support this important work and vote
Ought to Pass, toward a future with self-determination for Maine's
Tribes.

*"A river cuts through rock, not because of its power,
but because of its persistence." -J. Watkins*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Landis Hudson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Landis Hudson
Executive Director