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LD 2007

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Todd Bachelder and I live in Brunswick. I am writing to testify in support of LD 2007.

Exercising the right to self-government is the preeminent principle upon which our country was founded. The fact that the Wabanaki are denied this right is unfair and unjust. Passage of LD 2007 will not only remedy this injustice, it will (as noted in Harvard's 2022 report on American Indian Economic Development) mean an economic benefit worth millions of dollars each year - one that will accrue directly to the Wabanaki and indirectly to all of us here in Maine.

LD 2007 speaks to the principles of self-determination, as well as social and economic justice. I thank the committee members for their careful consideration of this important legislation.