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LD 2007

To: Sen. Carney, Rep. Moonen, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on
Judiciary

From: Michaela Cavallaro, 536 Cumberland Ave, Portland 04101

Re: Support for LD 2007, An Act to Advance Self-determination for Wabanaki
Nations

I am writing to testify in support of LD 2007. It is critical that the Wabanaki Nations regain their right to self-govern, restoring to them the same rights that all federally recognized tribal nations have. This shift will spur economic development and job creation--but perhaps more importantly, it will correct a historic wrong that was done to the Wabanaki people. They are our friends and neighbors, and we cannot in good conscience ask them to continue existing in a state of inferiority and powerlessness. I urge the committee to support this legislation.