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First of all, passing LD 2007 is all about fairness and equity. Secondly, Maine is falling behind: Outside of Maine, there's a 30-year economic boom going on in Indian Country. What is worthy of note is that economic restrictions have hit children the hardest. If we want rural Maine thrives it will be more likely to if the Wabanaki thrive. If we look carefully at the settlement of 1980 we would realize that the Settlement Act was never meant to be set in stone. For the Wabanaki Nations, uncertainty, litigation, and delay are consequences of MICSA's exclusionary language since 1980. Perhaps the most telling facts are that the Wabanaki have been left out of a nationwide Native American resurgency. Please support this legislation. Thank you for taking this testimony into consideration.