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

I work for an environmental organization, so I think often about the unique and special natural places in Maine and how essential it is to protect them. The Wabanaki are the original inhabitants of Maine and have been taking care of this place for millennia. The best way to protect the environment in Maine is to restore self-determination to the Wabanaki — those with the experience and ancestral knowledge of how to care for this place we all hold dear.

This is also a moral issue of fairness and justice. Passing LD 2007 is the right thing to do to put the Wabanaki on equal footing with the 570 other federally recognized tribes across the country and restore their inherent right to govern themselves.

Please pass LD 2007 because it's an issue of fairness and is the right move for the environment. Thank you.