Cathleen Miller Scarborough LD 2007

Testimony in support of LD 2007, An Act to Advance Self-determination for Wabanaki Nations

To: Sen. Carney, Rep. Moonen, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary From: Cathleen Miller, 277 Broadturn Road, Scarborough ME 04074

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Cathleen Miller and I live in Scarborough. I am an educator and librarian. I am writing to testify in support of LD 2007.

I have been privileged to make connections with many Wabanaki tribal citizens through my work as a librarian and educator. I have learned about the long struggles that Wabanaki people have endured, and seen the impacts on tribal communities of the Land Claims Settlement Act. The Wabanaki deserve to benefit from full federal sovereignty laws, from which they are currently excluded due to the restrictions of the settlement act. The Wabanaki deserve to have the same economic opportunities as other federally recognized tribes.

Thank you for considering my testimony today. I urge you to support LD 2007 to make the future more equitable for Wabanaki people, and better for all of us.