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Subject: LD 2007 - An Act to Advance Self-determination for Wabanaki

Nations

Dear Lawmakers:

I am in support of LD 2007. My grandfather and his family were Maliseet.

What upsets me the most is the Wabanki Nations children are hit the hardest with these Maine economic restrictions. So, when the Wabanki Nation thrives, all of Maine thrives including rural Maine.

I know the Settlement Act was never meant to be set in stone. It is a living document so it evolves and can be improved or changed at any given time. We are allowed to make it better for the Wabanaki people and make it better for Maine too. These changes need to happen.

The last thing which I feel is key. The Wabanaki have been protecting the environment and maintaining sustainable ecological practices forever. They will continue to do so; it is their heritage and birthright.

So, please vote Yes on LD 2007. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Kendra Chubbuck