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Dear Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Talia Mirel, I am a college student living in Brunswick, and I am writing to testify in support of LD 2007. I believe that An Act to Advance Self-determination for Wabanaki Nations is crucial for advancing Wabanaki sovereignty in Maine, enabling economic growth in regions that could benefit from it most, and ensuring that the Wabanaki Nations can be recognized similarly to 570 other tribes by the United States. Maine voters have demonstrated their support for indigenous sovereignty multiple times in recent years. I remember working alongside fellow students to write letters to advocate for indigenous sovereignty two years ago and recall how another similar bill gained widespread bipartisan support last year. Momentum for Wabanaki sovereignty continues to be a top priority for Maine. Now is the time to pass LD 2007 in order to put into practice the vision of justice for the Wabanaki Nations that many people across this state share. Thank you.