

To: Sen. Carney, Rep. Moonen, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

From: Lucy Quimby, 1230 Kenduskeag Ave, Bangor, 04401 concerned citizen

Re: Support for LD 2007, An Act to Advance Self-determination for Wabanaki Nations

Sen. Carney, Rep. Moonen and members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Lucy Quimby and I live in Bangor. I am here to testify in support of LD 2007.

One of many antecedent events that allows me to be here today is that when my ancestors, John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley, arrived as teenagers on the Mayflower, Native Americans treated them kindly and helped them survive. I am ashamed to say that some, maybe many, of the descendants of John and Elizabeth, and others who immigrated from England and the rest of Europe repaid this kindness with greed and murder. The details of this history are chilling, nauseating, hard to read.

LD2007 is an important opportunity, an opportunity for both social justice and economic growth, an opportunity to support a more positive relationship between the State of Maine and the Nations who preceded European immigrants. It will allow the Wabanaki to govern themselves. It will support economic growth for the Wabanaki, which will benefit our entire state, through the creation of jobs and taxable revenues.

Thank you for the opportunity to support the Wabakani nations!