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I am writing in support of LD 2007. I cannot emphasize enough how important I believe this bill is. Wabanaki Nations deserve to access the benefits of tribal legislation that other tribes in this nation have. While other nations across the country have benefitted from federal self-determination policies economically, the Wabanaki nations have not. This is simply not fair. In addition, the rural communities adjacent to Wabanaki communities would also benefit from the economic opportunities stimulated by the bill. This is a win-win for our rural communities! The settlement act was never intended to be set in stone, but rather a "living document." It is time to amend this living document and modernize this agreement, which will benefit Wabanaki nations as well as everyone in the state of Maine.