

Mary Laughlin
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LD 2007

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

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

My name is Mary Laughlin and I live in Limington. The Wabanaki Nations, whose ancestors were here in our beautiful state long before any immigrants arrived, deserve the same rights to self-government that other federally-recognized tribes enjoy. I believe that LD 2007 will make the changes necessary to the 1980 Maine Implementing Act so that the tribes can access federal policies and programs that would enhance their opportunities for better health, education, and economic growth. Maine must not deny opportunities to any of our citizens.....and certainly not to our Indigenous citizens. Please vote ought to pass.