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My name is Chris Newell and I'm an enrolled citizen of the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township. Born and raised in the community of Motahkmikuhk at Indian Township since my birth in 1974, we have never heard of any tribe with this name, nor have they ever made any attempts to be recognized by actual Wabanaki peoples in the state.

This bill is preposterous in its writing and fails to take into account the sanctity of a government-to-government relationship and instead treats tribal citizenship as if it were membership in a club.

For the above reasons I oppose this ill-informed and ahistorical bill.