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LD 812

Dear committee members,

I am writing to oppose the passage of LD 812. The state of Maine has an atrocious track record regarding its treatment of the four federally recognized tribes which comprise the Wabanaki Confederacy. The fact that the Wabanaki Alliance opposes the passage of this bill should be enough to doom its passage because when considering issues of indigeneity and tribal identity, indigenous people should have the first and last word. Passage of this bill would create unnecessary and easily avoidable confusion and would further damage relationships between Wabanaki tribes and the state.

Thank you.