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LD 812

I would like to register my opposition to both LD 812 and LD 813. Both of these bills seek to bypass the federal recognition process established by the Office of Federal Acknowledgement within the Office of the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs. I stand with the leaders of the federally recognized Wabanaki Nations who believe that this federal process should be the one to determine whether a group merits recognition. These two bills, if passed, would undermine the tribal recognition process.