

**Testimony in support of LD 958
to the Committee on Judiciary**

April 4, 2025

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and distinguished members of the Committee:

My name is Sarah Johnson and I am a resident of Sanford.

I am writing in support of LD 958, An Act to Prohibit Eminent Domain on Tribal Lands.

I thank House Minority Leader Faulkingham and Senator Moore for sponsoring this important legislation to protect land ownership of Tribal Lands. I also appreciate the level of protection added relating to the possibility of the Federal Government attempting to acquire Tribal Lands, though I wish we could do more.

These lands are economically and culturally critical to the Wabanaki Nations, and quite simply belong to them. This legislation is one example of many that are needed to restore and declare the absolute truth that the Wabanaki Nations are sovereign governments and should have the ultimate authority over their land use.

I hope you will support this legislation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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