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My name is Kyle Burdick, Vice President of Baskahegan Company, a 105 year old Timber Company in Northern Washington County, covering 150,000 acres. Baskahegan company sells timber products, products that rely on infrastructure to get those products to market. However, that access should not be valued higher than the restoration of fairness and sovereignty of Wabanaki Nations. Seizing land by eminent domain is an example of favoring commerce over a nation's rights, and the benefits of non-native people over that of native people. There is no excuse for choosing a non-collaborative approach, and delivering the same protections that nearly all other recognized tribes have. I strongly support LD 958.