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LD 958

I am a Freeport resident and am writing to express my support for LD 958, amending the 1980 Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act and the 2023 Mi'kmaq Nation Restoration Act to prevent the state from taking Wabanaki land for public uses. I believe the proposed bill is consistent with protections already afforded to almost all other federally recognized tribes, and Maine has an opportunity now to honor our ancestral peoples and lands with similar protections.

It is my belief that LD 958 restores a fundamental principle that the Wabanaki Nations are sovereign governments with inherent power to regulate their territories. I stand in solidarity with the peoples of and the tribal leadership governing the Penobscot Nation territory, Passamaquoddy Indian territory, the Houlton Band Trust Land, and the Mi'kmaq Nation Trust Land.