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Members of the Committee,

I happened to be born in Bangor, beside the Penobscot River, and grew up in Piscataquis County. Sovereignty is a personal issue for me because it affects people I sat next to school, played sports with, and whom I consider valuable leaders and members of our shared community (as a longtime resident of Bangor).

There are just too many broken treaties and promises, and I support legal efforts to protect Wabanaki sovereignty to their lands and waters, which I believe should not be impeded upon for the convenience of the State.

I am heartened by the bipartisan nature of this bill and other bills related to sovereignty that have advanced through the Maine legislature in recent years.

Thank you,

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