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LD 958

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee Judiciary -

My name is Louise Secordel, I'm a resident of Scarborough, and I strongly support tribal sovereignty.

I support LD 958 as it restores fairness and respects Wabanaki Nations' sovereignty over their lands. It restores to the Wabanaki Nations protection from Maine's eminent domain power over tribal lands—a protection already granted to nearly all other federally recognized tribes, but from which the Wabanaki Nations have been unfairly excluded since the 1980 Settlement Acts.

No one should have their land taken without consultation or agreement. This legislation helps ensure tribes have a voice by guaranteeing consultation and mutual agreement before any action is taken on tribal lands. It encourages collaboration, not conflict or theft. It is an important step as we continue to repair and heal from our violent history.

I urge you to vote “Ought to Pass” on LD958. Thank you!