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LD 958

LD 958 Testimony, April 2025

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Ann Dodd-Collins. I live in Portland and I am asking that you vote in favor of LD 958, "An Act to Prohibit Eminent Domain on Tribal Lands".

No one should have their land taken without consultation, and this bill acknowledges and respects Wabanaki Nations' sovereignty over their own lands. Taking tribal lands without consultation is against federal policy, but the 1980 Settlement Acts have resulted in the Wabanaki Nations in Maine being unfairly excluded from these federal protections. This bill is a step toward justice. This bill encourages collaboration rather than conflict and restores a fundamental principle that the Wabanaki Nations are sovereign governments with inherent power to regulate their territories.

I urge you to vote YES on LD 958.