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LD 958

Senator Carney and Rep. Kuhn and the members of the Judiciary Committee,
This bill is one of the most critical bills you will review this session.

I write to ask you to support LD 958-An Act to Prohibit Eminent Domain on Tribal Lands because not only has it been since 1980 that the Tribes have been seeking this fair change, but it is also the Right Thing To DO! Mainers understand that no one should have their land taken without consultation or agreement. We all know the terrible history of the stealing of Tribal lands in Maine and nationally. It is time for a step toward reconciliation that is simply granting Maine Tribes what all other Federally recognized Tribes already have--the assurance that Wabanaki land will not be taken by the state through eminent domain. This bill shows respect for the Tribes, and encourages collaboration not conflict. It listens to the voices of the tribes and prevents future injustices. LD 958 can restore the fundamental principle that the Wabanaki Nations are sovereign governments with inherent power to regulate their territories. Please play your part in rectifying history, vote Ought to Pass on LD 958. Thank you very much for all your work. Meredith Bruskin, FNP, Swanville