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Greetings esteemed members of the Judiciary Committee. I am submitting testimony today on behalf of the Maine Network of Community Food Councils in support of the passage of LD 958, An Act to Prohibit Eminent Domain on Tribal Lands. Our network has embedded in our values, "the continued learning and following of anti-racist and anti-colonial practices as we seek to help bring about food justice and sovereignty in this place many of us now call Maine." The State of Maine has failed to reckon with our history of abuse and actrocity towards the indigenous populations of this land, and we believe we will all suffer, directly or indirectly, until we do. This bill is one of what we hope will be many more important steps towards healing these harms, and towards a more just future. We strongly encourage you to vote in favor of tribal control over tribal lands. Thank you for your time.