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LD 958

Esteemed members of the Judiciary Committee,
I am sending in this testimony in favor of the proposed legislation, LD 958 - An Act to Prohibit Eminent Domain on Tribal Lands .

The tribes of Maine have for centuries lived on and carried for their lands. No one should have their land taken without consultation or agreement. LD 958 removes the state of Maine's power to take Wabanaki Nations' tribal land through eminent domain, a protection already afforded to almost all other federally recognized tribes. Maine's power to take Wabanki lands by eminent domain has long been wrong and creating this protection for Maine's tribes is an important state toward assuring tribal sovereignty.

I urge you all to support LD 958.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,
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