Mary Miller Oakfield LD 958

To the members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am writing in support of LD 958, An Act to Prohibit Eminent Domain on Tribal Lands. I believe this is a matter of justice and respect. Wabanaki Nations are sovereign governments with inherent power to regulate their own territories. This act would promote cooperation, rather than conflict, with the state, and would guarantee consultation and mutual agreement before tribal lands could be taken by eminent domain. It is a process and guarantee followed with most other tribal nations in the country. LD 958 would serve both the State of Maine and Wabanaki Nations, and I join with the Wabanaki Alliance and many others in urging its passage. Thank you for your consideration.

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