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LD 958

Good Afternoon,

I am writing in support of LD958. I believe that our Maine tribes should have the same rights afforded to them as tribes throughout our nation. Maine Native American tribes have already had the majority of their land taken from them without consent. I believe that our state has the responsibility to preserve Wabanaki land and should not be able to utilize eminent domain to decimate Wabanaki land further than it already has. Using eminent domain to take tribal land goes against federal policy. This bill not only provides protection over Wabanaki lands, it also encourages collaboration with tribal leaders and ensures that tribes have a voice in the decisions that are being made regarding their land. The Wabanaki Nations deserve the same rights and respect that other tribes have throughout our nation and this bill aims to restore justice to the tribes. I appreciate your time and consideration of this bill and hope that the committee will move to pass the bill and align our state with the values of federal policy towards Native American tribes.

Sincerely,
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