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LD 1474

Dear Members of the Education & Cultural Affairs Committee,
I am writing in support of LD 1474- An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools. As a graduate of a Maine public school in the mid 1990s I learned very little about Wabanaki history, while learning about European History and American settler history. It was only later in my adult life that I have learned more about Wabanaki history and culture. As a parent of a high school Junior, I believe it is vital for my son to learn about Wabanaki people, both in the past and present. We need to recognize who's land we are on and work to honor Wabanaki people. Learning history is one step towards repairing our relationship with the Wabanaki.