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Honorable members of this committee,

It is of the utmost importance that Maine schools be in compliance with the statutes in place requiring Maine students learn Wabanaki studies. It is critical to educate future generations about the cultural importance and heritage of Maine's first people. Maine Natives have the longest and most culturally rich history in this state. It is an insult to Maine History and its people to deny learners the opportunity to learn from the people who have contributed the most to the area and without it being an enforced requirement, Wabanaki studies are not being shared and schools are out of compliance.