

Dear Senator Rafferty and Representative Murphy and members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee,

My name is Heather Wyman and I live in Appleton. I am testifying in support of LD 1474, An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools.

The education of Maine's school children languishes under an onslaught of unfunded mandates. LD 291 has been a legal requirement since 2001. The good intentions of this law have been largely unrealized.

I support LD 1474 because it establishes support for implementation of LD 291 in Maine schools and directs the DOE to enlist Wabanaki advisors in the development of curriculum and the professional development of teachers.

Sincerely,

Heather Wyman