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Senator Rafferty, Rep. Murphy and Committee members a of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, I am writing in support of LD 1474, a bill that will help the State of Maine come into compliance with a law that already requires the teaching of Wabanaki Studies in our K-12 schools, but so often is overlooked in practice. This bill will serve to expand the progress we have been making (slowly) to provide quality Wabanaki Study resources for all our students and teachers. It will also ensure funding for school administrators to apply to fund Wabanaki advisors, and honor Wabanaki Voices across the state, which would be a meaningful first step towards establishing statewide instruction of Indigenous studies. Please vote Ought to Pass on this very important bill for all Maine peoples--LD 1474. Thank you very much for your attention. Meredith Bruskin, FNP