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LD 1474

I am writing to urge you to vote "Ought to Pass" for LD 1474 - An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools. Teaching Wabanaki studies is the law of Maine, and although LD 291 has been a legal requirement since 2001, few Maine schools succeed in offering curriculum that meets the mark. By permanently establishing the position of Wabanaki Studies Specialist in the Maine Department of Education, the bill ensures the inclusion of Wabanaki Studies in essential instruction and graduation requirements, and teachers will receive the resources they need to succeed at upholding this law.

Thank you for your consideration.