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Belfast
LD 1474

To: Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs
From: Prem Makeig, 10 Sandalwood Rd, Belfast ME 04915
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RE: Testimony in support of L.D. 1474, "An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools"

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

My name is Prem, and I am a parent of two children (ages 9 and 11) living in Belfast, Maine.

I am testifying in support of L.D. 1474, "An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools," because I believe it is important for indigenous heritage to be preserved, and for Maine communities to be able to benefit from local indigenous perspectives on the world around us. My children have benefited from Wabanaki studies in their class, and I hope they will continue to do so.

For these reasons, I respectfully encourage you to support L.D. 1474. Thank you for your time and consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,
Prem Makeig