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I am writing in support of LD 1474 to to Strengthen the Teaching of Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools. As a K-12 educator, I have had the opportunity to engage myself and students in Wabanaki studies, involving these studies in various parts of our practice and deepening our learning of history and how we can uplift indigenous voice/perspective now. It is crucial to provide access to a wide variety of resources and information in learning spaces to develop critical thinking skills, empathy, and to continue to develop the fair, equitable and diverse world we want to live in. This is also an important addition to LD 339, also seeking to expand Wabanaki studies in the state of Maine. It is important to me, as a Maine educator and community member, that we continue to develop systems to support adequately compensating people for their expertise and continue to prioritize teaching robust, accurate and meaningful curriculum.