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LD 1474

In support of LD 1474: An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools, Sponsored by Rep. Laurie Osher

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Senator Rafferty, Representative Murphy, and Honorable Members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee,

My name is Michelle DeBlois, and I am a resident of Greene, Maine. I am a public librarian, past Maine public school educator, and the CEO and Founder of ReMo, a Maine edtech company empowering educators and students around independent reading. I am testifying in strong support of LD 1474, which seeks to strengthen the teaching of Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools.

LD 1474 offers the opportunity to invest in Maine's past, present, and future. I have seen firsthand the difficulty that Maine educators experience trying to find resources to support Wabanaki Studies. I also had to learn about the Wabanaki culture and history for myself. Providing support for educators is crucial for the teaching and learning of all of our Maine students.

I urge the members of this committee to support LD 1474.

Thank you again for your time and consideration. I am willing to answer any questions that may arise.

Sincerely,
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