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LD 785

Dear Senator Carney and members of the Judiciary Committee,  
My name is Phyllis Chinlund, I live in Brunswick and am a member of the Thornton Oaks Social Justice Group and of MUUSAN.

As a retired social worker, when I look at the many reasons, economic, environmental, and social, to support LD 785, one thing stands out: fairness. The politicians who drafted the 1980 Settlement Act called it a "living document" meant to be updated. The law itself allows Maine, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, and Penobscot Nation to amend it. After more than 40 years of harm, it's time to modernize this broken deal. There is no valid reason for Maine's tribes to be denied equity with other federally recognized tribes. This moral principle should be our guide.

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