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LD 395

I am a member of the Portland Friends Meeting (Quakers). Over the past seven years we have educated ourselves in matters concerning our Wabanaki neighbors and have spoken out, individually and as a community, in favor of Wabanaki sovereignty and fairness to the Tribes in Maine.

L.D. 395 would enable the Wabanaki Tribes in what we now call Maine to access certain federal laws benefiting Tribes; laws that are available to all the other 571 federally recognized Indigenous Nations in the country. This simple act of fairness would advance the health, welfare and self-determination of Indigenous folks here, and would provide economic and social benefits to the rural areas surrounding existing Tribal communities.

I strongly urge you to unanimously vote "ought to pass" on L.D. 395. Thank you.