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LD 395

I am writing in strong support of LD 395 because it is about basic fairness. For decades, the Wabanaki Nations have been treated differently from every other federally recognized Tribe in the country under the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980. As a result, they have been excluded from federal laws intended to strengthen Tribal sovereignty, expand economic opportunity, and protect public health and the environment.

This inequity has persisted for generations. It is time to modernize this framework and ensure that the Wabanaki Nations have equal access to the same federal opportunities available to other Tribes.

I respectfully ask that you please vote ought to pass.

Thank you for your consideration.