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LD 395

Sen. Carney, Rep. Kuhn and members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Laura Levenson and I've lived in Carmel for 45 years.

I'm writing to encourage you to support LD 395 assuring Wabanaki sovereignty. It is clear since the Maine Indian Land Claims settlement that the tribes in Maine have been at an enormous disadvantage compared with other tribes and with others in the state. These bills will give Maine Native people access to many kinds of federal funds and support economic development that benefits them, their children, and also the Mainers in general. After decades of resistance to basic Wabanaki rights, it's time for the legislature to do the right thing. I hope you'll strongly support LD 395.

Thank you all for your attention.