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I have spent 70 years in close relationships with the Native American communities from Maine to Alaska and from Florida to California, to the Upper Amazon Basin. I have been closely following the State of Maine's relationship with The Wabanaki Nations since 1971. The Wabanaki Nations are entitled to full recognition and support. Native peoples have the longest and best record of environmental care and responsibility as well as possessing a unique historical resilience in the face of long term cultural genocide. Please pass this legislation and do everything in your power to restore the rights and dignity of an incredible people. Thank you,