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LD 395

IN SUPPORT of LD 395, An Act to Restore Access to Federal Laws Beneficial to the Wabanaki Nations

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and other members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Anne Farrington and I live in Auburn. I have been unhappy for the longest time about the way Maine has treated my neighbors who are members of the tribes here in Maine.

We have stolen their their land, their forests, their children, their food, their water, their culture, their trust, their health, their lives, and their peace. Just because the State of Maine has a disgusting history of stealing from the Wabanaki Nations for centuries doesn't mean we have to continue doing that.

LD 395 will update and improve the two settlement acts from 1980, and allow the tribes in Maine to benefit from federal laws that already apply to hundreds of federally-recognized tribes here in the U.S. Those benefits include federal programs, policies, and funding that can result in economic benefits for the Wabanaki (and therefore the rest of us, as well).

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony. Please support the passage of LD 395.