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LD 785

Dear Judiciary Committee

My name is Karin Spitfire and I live in Belfast. I am writing to you regarding LD785

I have witnessed over the last 20 years many sessions of judiciary committees being patiently educated by the people of the Wabanaki Nations to the problems with the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act.

The problems began with the process of creating and signing the act, and the very different interpretations of what MISCA was to proceed to continue the process of implementing the act.

I believe many members of this current committee, along with several members of the previous judiciary committee, who wrote the first comprehensive act to address these problems have been the recipients of that education. And have once again got a bill before them to address the remaining issues.

Please Pass LD 785 - An Act to Enact the Remaining Recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act.

Non-Indigenous people in the state we call Maine, have also received this education and as one of them I am appalled at the continued injustice.

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