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LD 785

To: Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

Re: Support for Both LD 395 and LD 785 for Restoring Tribal Self-Government and Assuring Equity of Opportunities as extended to other federal recognized tribes.

There are many documented ways that it would be beneficial to so many Maine constituents and you, your peers and the governor's office and staff (now and into the future) if every legislation session did not need to include one or more sovereignty/equity bills.

Please consider the extensive time taken every year by tribal members, friends, legislators, governors, staff, and citizen groups every year.

Also please consider the research and effort of economists, Implementing Act Task Force members, and most recently, the research done by two friends and advisors of Angus King that provide compelling evidence that can help your comfort level to pass both LD 395 and LD 785.

You, your peers and the governor could be proud to turn a corner in Maine history that will greatly improve relationships with Wabanaki first people.

Thank you for your consideration of this historic Maine necessity to pass both LD 395 and LD 785.

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