

To: Sen. Carney, Rep. Kuhn, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary
From: Elizabeth Solet, 3 Friends Way, Blue Hill, 04614
Re: Support for LD 785, An Act to Advance Self-determination for Wabanaki Nations

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

My name is Elizabeth Solet and I live in Blue Hill. I am writing to testify in support of LD 785.

Passage of this legislation is about fairness, and respecting and supporting the sovereignty of Wabanaki Nations. Are there any reasons to NOT support it?

Several years ago I began learning more about how Wabanaki peoples protect the environment and practice ecological care and restoration. We all depend on clean air, clean water, nourishing food, and the benefits of healthy ecosystems. I am grateful for opportunities to learn from Wabanaki practices, and for their ongoing care and stewardship of our lands and waters. The very, very least we can do is to pass this legislation and take steps to level the playing field.

Thank you to the members of this committee for the opportunity to comment. I urge you to support LD 785 because it's the right thing to do.

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