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LD 294

I'm writing in support of LD 294. A bill that would add a Wabanaki citizen to the Baxter State Park Authority. The nominee would be appointed by the Governor based on a joint recommendation of tribal governments including the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Motahkomikuk, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Sipayik and the Penobscot Nation. This seems an important step in bridging Tribal and state relations. It will also ensure the conservation of Baxter State Park as The Wabanaki Tribes in Maine have been good stewards of these lands for thousands of years. I hope the committee members will recognize this and vote unanimously in favor of this bill especially considering Baxter State Park is on unceded Tribal lands. If there is a government that would have any "authority" of a state park in Maine it would be the Wabanaki tribal governments. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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