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Maine Legislature  
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Dear Members of the 131st Maine Legislature,

As a certified social studies teacher with eleven years of experience, I am writing to express my support for the proposed revisions to the Maine Revised Learning Result Standards for Science and Social Studies, specifically regarding the inclusion of Wabanaki studies. I firmly believe that these revisions are a crucial step towards fostering a more inclusive and culturally competent learning environment for all students. I strongly urge you to support LD 2182.

As a teacher, I can attest to the positive impact that culturally relevant curriculum can have on student engagement and academic achievement. By incorporating Wabanaki studies into the learning standards, we can create a more inclusive and culturally responsive experience for all students.

I appreciate the Maine Legislature for taking this important initiative to revise the learning standards and for recognizing the importance of incorporating diverse perspectives into the curriculum. As someone who has dedicated their career to educating Maine's youth, I urge you to fully support and approve these revisions, ensuring that all students have access to learning about the first people of what is now called Maine.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your dedication to creating a more inclusive and equitable educational system for all Maine students.

Sincerely,

Marsha Bartley Norwood