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My name is William LaViolette, of Richmond, Maine.

Being of mixed Penobscot and Acadian French heritage, I write in support of LD 1626.

Though I may not be a member of the Penobscot nation, I still count them among my friends, my ancestral allies, and in some cases, distant family.

As a combat veteran, I find it absolutely appalling that in the year 2022 I find myself having to help my friends attain the most basic freedoms afforded to every other federally recognized tribe IN THE COUNTRY!

It is unconscionable to me that in the year 2022, my friends must still fight to be able to protect the victims of domestic violence, and also to access to healthcare of their choosing.

I stand in solidarity with my Wabanaki friends, and choose to support them in their endeavors, just as they once did for my ancestors!