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LD 958

Dear members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Valerie Lovelace, I live on Westport Island, Maine, and I write in support of LD 958, An Act to Prohibit Eminent Domain on Tribal Lands.

The State of Maine has an opportunity to acknowledge the many injustices committed against the First People who populated this area long before settlers came to this continent by passing this bill.

Maybe we can't right all those wrongs, but we can and should prevent future wrongs by passing LD 958.

Hundreds of years from now when we are all gone, these lands ought still be respected as home to the Penobscot, Passamaquoddy, Mi'kmaq, and the Houlton Band of Maliseet--with every acre untouched by the State of Maine unless properly and fairly negotiated.

This is our opportunity to be on the right side of history - to do something good, and fair, and just.

It's time for Maine to do that.

Please vote "ought to pass" and help send this bill to the Governor's desk.